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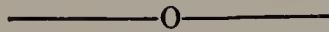
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ABBREVIATIONS HEREIN

b.: born; d.: died; m.: married.
bro.: brother; dau.: daughter.
ch.: child or children.
circa: thereabout in time.
Co.: County.
post: hereinafter or later.
supra: hereinbefore.
nee: born (maiden name).
Eld.: Elder or Primitive Baptist preacher.
C.S.A.: Confederate States Army.
U.S.A.: United States Army.
R.S.: Revolutionary War Soldier.
D.A.R.: Daughters of American Revolution.
NSDAR: National Society of D.A.R.
U.D.C.: United Daughters of Confederacy.

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Through all recorded history we have been admonished to respect and revere our ancestors and preserve our racial and family integrity.

“Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”

—from Ten Commandments recorded by Moses.

“Children’s children are the crown of old age; and the glory of children are their fathers.”

—Solomon’s Proverbs, xvii, 6.

“It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.”

—Plutarch (about 100 A.D.)

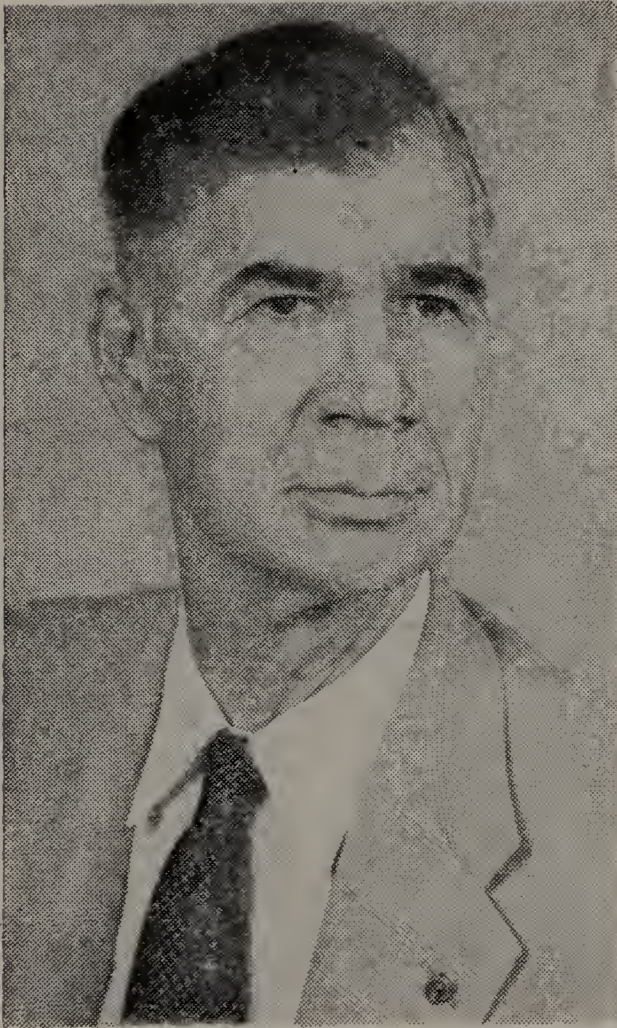
“To the earnest man, the study of his ancestry must be regarded as the study of himself. Christian insight, no less than heathen wisdom, has sanctioned the ancient admonition, ‘Know thyself’, and if it be true that in order to know one’s self one must know one’s ancestors, then the practice of genealogical research must be regarded as a duty, and with peculiar fitness the Family Tree is inscribed in the Family Bible.”

—Sidney Lanier (in 1877)

“If any one of us could trace our ancestral stock back two hundred years we should find the proximate cause of the disposition born in us.”

—Rev. Theodore Parker (in 1893)

FOREWORD



In December 1956 I published a pamphlet under the title "Autobiography of Cader Atkins Parker, With Supplementing Data on his Ancestry and Progeny", and I then said "A more ambitious genealogy is in the making". This is it, though it is not all I could wish it to be. More extended research is indicated and I can only hope others will do it. This work supersedes my 1956 pamphlet. All I then published is contained herein, little changed, and considerable added.

Cader Atkins Parker, native of North Carolina, was a pioneer, first in southwest Georgia and then in northeast Texas, where he died in 1886. A brief autobiographic account of himself was published in the March 1884 issue of THE GOSPEL MESSENGER, which long since ceased publication. That issue is preserved in Georgia Department of Archives and History, and we reprint his biographical sketch herein.

The compilation, arrangement and publication of this book has been for me an expensive luxury, but a joy nevertheless. Many have shared in the expense, for which we are grateful, but the cost of printing alone was much more than the contributions.

We pride ourselves on the collection of so many fine photographs. Some were restored and reproduced from damaged and faded tintypes and daguerreotypes, some on glass. All are authentic. It is seldom that individual photographs of all members of a large family can be so collected, but we here present good pictures of Eld. Cader A. Parker, his wife Louisa Candler, and all nine of their children. In all, the book contains 24 pictures.

As its title implies, the chief purpose of this work has been to record lineages of the descendants of Eld. Cader A. & Louisa (Candler) Parker from this day back to Sgt. Jacob & Mary (Atkins) Parker, and we are happy to have been able to obtain and record for posterity most of the vital statistics on 9 children, 61 grandchildren and 216 great grandchildren of Cader Atkins Parker (1810-1886), as well as a good many others of later generations.

When we consider that Eld. Cader A. Parker and wife had 286 descendants in just 3 generations, we at once realize it is impossible to compile a comprehensive genealogy of the overall Parker family in America. A number of Parker genealogies have been published and all families of the name we know about, related and unrelated, have been hardy and prolific.

PARKER is generally regarded as an English surname but it goes back to ancient Rome to *parcarius*, a park keeper or shepherd. Even in English it denotes a keeper of the park, keeper of the king's hunting grounds. It is an occupational name, rather than one of locality or one conferred by lord or knight. (See Bardsley's English Surnames) There were representatives of the name among the Danes, Saxons and Normans. They were men of hardy and strong physique, hunters and warriors as well as tillers of the soil; romantic as well as active and enterprising, and were as well informed as the civilization allowed.

The name is well associated with the histories both of England and America; general usefulness, good social standing and spiritual progress have been the characteristics of this ancient family name. From its great age the name is necessarily a common one in England and in America, ranking eleventh in the Kingdom of Great Britain in point of numbers. (See Descendants of John Parker of Lexington, by Theodore Parker). The earliest Parkers in America came from England and Scotland and settled, for the most part, in New England and in Virginia and the Carolinas. Our Sgt. Jacob Parker, R.S., died in Cumberland Co., N.C., and there his grandson Cader Atkins Parker was born in 1810.

Contents and Arrangement

This book starts with the grandparents and parents of **Mary Atkins**, wife of **Sgt. Jacob Parker** of Cumberland Co., N.C., which carries us back to the Colonial period of Virginia. Then we try to shed some light on the probable parentage of our Sgt. Jacob Parker (though we reach no definite conclusion on this point).

Next, after naming the 5 known sons of this Jacob, we record all we know about his son **William Parker** (bro. of Ica) and his descendants. These brothers, Ica and William, married sisters **Nancy** and **Lydia Pope**. Then we record the 6 children of **Ica Parker** that we know about and relate what we know of their descendants. As we go along we record certain facts and beliefs concerning the related families of **Atkins**, **Candler**, **Pope** and **Vick**.

The genealogy is divided into chapters or sections (unnumbered), a separate chapter or section for each child of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker and their respective descendants. After these, at the last, comes the Coleman and Pruett parentage of the wife of Rev. Daniel Hall Parker.

At the beginning of chapters, and in some subsections, we have shown in parentheses the direct lineages by generations back to Sgt. Jacob Parker. For example: **Lucy Parker** (Daniel Hall, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), meaning that Mrs. Lucy Parker Roddenbery was of the 5th generation; Daniel Hall Parker, 4th generation; Cader Atkins Parker, 3rd generation; Ica Parker, 2nd generation; and Jacob Parker, 1st generation.

We made no effort to learn the military service of all ancestors and descendants but where it was known for earlier generations we have so indicated by showing, following the names, the letters: R.S., for Revolutionary Soldier; C.S.A., for Confederate States Army; U.S.A., for United States Army, etc.

In his autobiographic sketch (in Appendix) Daniel Hall Parker claimed he was a direct descendant of 8 Revolutionary War patriots, but he did not there name them. We know he meant to include John and Ica Atkins (father and son), Col. William Candler, Sgt. Jacob Parker, Stephen Pope and Josiah Vick, but we do not know the other two he had in mind.

In 1912 Mrs. Lucy (Parker) Roddenbery was admitted to D.A.R. membership on her lineage from Col. William Candler (NSDAR No. 91,680). Thereafter, in supplementary applications, she established lineages from John and Ica Atkins and from Sgt. Jacob Parker, whose war services were proven and accepted by the NSDAR. This same Nat'l No. 91,680 applies to all 4 of these named ancestors. So far as we know, war services for Stephen Pope and Josiah Vick have not yet been established with the D.A.R., but we believe it can be done.

We can't begin to mention all who have helped in this work but, almost without exception, all have cooperated wonderfully. Hundreds of letters have been written and answered. Family records, Bibles, and mementos have been loaned. Libraries, newspaper files and public records in 5 states have been searched. Tombstone inscriptions in a dozen cemeteries have been read and recorded. Old pictures have been taken from albums and from frames and loaned to us. Descendants of Sgt. Jacob Parker, R. S., now live in all the states. Aside from what this author had already collected through the years, the greatest amount of information and data has come from Texas kindred who were born in the

nineteenth century. This was natural, because more descendants of Cader A. Parker now live in Texas than in any other state. But the most and the fullest information and the greatest help from any one person came from cousin Oyce (Parker) Alfred of Shreveport, Louisiana. Mrs. Alfred's "Biography of Mark Candler Parker, 1835-1904" published in 1957, enumerates some 560 descendants of her grandfather, the 3rd child of Eld. Cader A. & Louisa (Candler) Parker. While we record in this book all children and grandchildren of Eld. Mark C. Parker, we have in no sense duplicated the work of Mrs. Alfred, and we urge those who do not possess one to obtain a copy of her admirable book.

This has been a most tedious work and much copying is conducive to errors, especially as to dates. Our eyes sometimes trick us, and our informants are not always agreed on dates and details of fact. As much as we tried to avoid it, we suspect some discerning persons may find an occasional mistake or typographical error. Personal and proper names are variously spelled. For examples, there is Ica and Ika, and there is Cader, Cadar, Kader and Kedar. We have tried to use the spelling employed by the person involved or found in the written record.

If it were not for tradition we would have little recorded history today, but this is no work of fiction or fancy. The stated facts, names and dates herein are believed to be true and accurate. Many source references are given but, for brevity and easier reading, some are omitted, but they are available.

This is a limited edition and privately published. Nearly all copies have been subscribed. Soon there will be a demand for copies, but there will be no more. For those who can not secure copies and for historians and genealogists, we are filing copies with The Library of Congress in Washington, with state libraries and departments of archives and history in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia, the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah, Nat'l. Society of D.A.R. in Washington, and a few other public libraries.

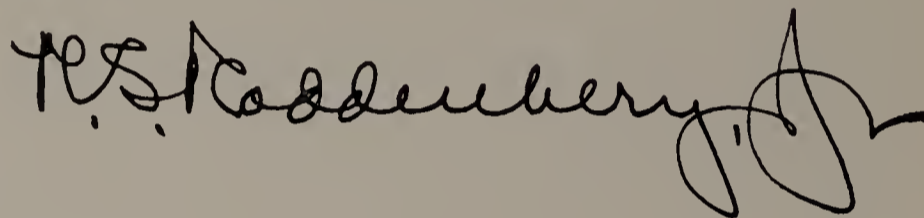
A prime pleasure in doing this work has been to better know, and to know more about, my kindred far and near. The greatest pride and joy has been the revelation and realization of the character and characteristics of our ancestors. In all generations they have been a great people. As my great uncle Stephen Pope Parker wrote the widow of his brother Mark Candler Parker:

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“Sister, persuade your children to be proud of themselves and their ancestors, that form their parentage on both sides, no family has been more blessed. A smiling and protecting Providence has ever been over them. A family of religious and moral practices, virtue and sobriety, peace and order have attended them and theirs, as well as the healthiest, fullest developed men and women you or they ever knew.”

The same could be said of the families of all the children of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker, and their virtues have followed them to this day. But we are not justified in ancestor worship unless we strive to emulate their virtues and pass them on to our children. In reading these pages and studying our ancestry, may we keep in mind the words of the immortal Longfellow:

“Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Foot-prints on the sands of time”.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H.S. Goddard", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Moultrie, Georgia
June 30, 1959

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HENRY PARKER, second president of the colony of Georgia (1751 to 1754), held the office of bailiff in Savannah as early as 1734 (the colony was founded in 1732). He acted as magistrate, and when on the bench wore a purple gown edged with fur. He founded a settlement on Isle of Hope, near Savannah. In 1741, when Georgia was divided into two counties, he was made one of the assistants to William Stephens. When Stephens retired because of bad health and age, Parker became his successor (15 Jan. 1751) and continued as executive until his death in 1754. Any possible relationship between this Henry Parker and our Parkers of North Carolina is unknown. This Henry's eldest son was Henry William Parker, first white male born in the Colony of Georgia; and his second son was James Parker, b. circa 1735. Henry appears to have had brothers named Thomas and William among first settlers of the Colony, and a brother or son named John. Earliest records refer to "his numerous family".

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Rev. D. H. Parker and grandson,
Robert Samuel Roddenbery, Jr.
In 1901

JOHN ATKINS & ELIZABETH HUTCHINS

(1720-1792)

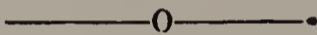
(1725-1803)

John Atkins, R. S., father of Ica, married Elizabeth Hutchins in Sussex Co., Va., circa 1740, and he died in Wake Co., N. C., in 1792. His will is on record in Raleigh. It is said that the Atkins family were Welsh, coming from Wales to America. They were educated people.

John Atkins served the cause of the American Revolution as a member of the Wake Co., N. C., Militia, and was in the Battle of Moores Creek. See State Records of N. C., Vol. 12, pp. 553 & 660.

Children of John & Elizabeth (Hutchins) Atkins were:

Lewis Atkins,	m. Molly Northington.
ICA ATKINS, R. S.,	m. Polly (surname unknown).
Hutchins Atkins.	
Elizabeth Atkins.	
Nancy Atkins,	m. Brittain Wyatt.
Sarah Atkins,	m. William Hutchins.
Mary Atkins,	m. Simon Pearson.
Josiah Atkins.	



Ica Atkins, R. S. (son of John & Elizabeth) was born in Virginia in 1743 and died in Cumberland Co., N. C., in 1802. His wife's name was Polly, but her surname is not of record. They married in Sussex Co., Va., in 1763. The 1790 U.S. Census enumerated Ica Atkins as head of a family then residing in Fayette Dist., Cumberland Co., N. C., with a household which included 3 white males above 16 years, 2 white males under 16 years, 2 white females, and 17 Negro slaves. We know Ica Atkins was in Cumberland county before and during the Revolution. He was a Justice of the Peace there in 1776. Known children of Ica & Polly Atkins were:

MARY ATKINS, b. 1764; m. 1779, Sgt. Jacob Parker, R.S.
 James Atkins.
 Richard Atkins.
 Ica Atkins, Jr.

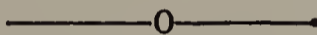
Ica Atkins, senior (son of John), was a man of means and influence. During the Revolution he served both in the Continental Line and in the Militia of Cumberland Co., N. C. (see Revolutionary Army Accounts, N. C. Historical Commission), and after the Revolution he served several terms in the N. C. General As-

sembly. Our Cader Atkins Parker, subject of this book, was his great grandson.

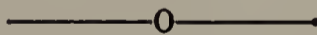
See Colonial & State Records of North Carolina:
 Vol. 19, pp. 129, 130, 168, 184, 215;
 Vol. 23, p. 999; Vol. 24, p. 645.

Much of above data derived from letters of the late Mrs. Cornelia A. Norris, Regent and Historian, Caswell-Nash Chapter, D.A.R., Raleigh, N. C., written to Rev. D. H. Parker in 1917 and 1918 (see excerpts in Appendix). War service and lineage from Ica Atkins, R. S., established in 1918 in the supplemental D.A.R. application of Mrs. Lucy Parker Roddenbery. NSDAR No. 91,680.

The above Mrs. Norris thought John Atkins (father of Ica) was a member of the House of Burgess^{es} (the legislature of Virginia before the Revolution). We made no effort to establish this fact but, if true, it would entitle his female descendants to membership in Colonial Dames of America.



Mary Atkins (dau. of Ica & Polly) was born 1764 in Sussex Co., Va., moved with her parents to Cumberland Co., N. C., in 1770, in which year her father Ica Atkins, Sr. (son of John & Elizabeth) bought lands in said county from John Nall. See Cumberland County deed records. In 1779 Mary Atkins married Sgt. Jacob Parker, R. S. (grandfather of Cader Atkins Parker). Cumberland County marriage records prior to 1800 are few and incomplete but NSDAR has accepted 1779 as the year of marriage of Jacob Parker and Mary Atkins.



JACOB PARKER, R.S., m. 1779, MARY ATKINS
 (1753-1804) (1764-1809)

Available records decisively indicate **Jacob Parker** was born about 1753 in Virginia, probably in Nansemond County, and died in 1804 in Cumberland Co., N. C. He left no will but commissioners were appointed to divide his lands among his heirs: Ica, William, Kader, Jonathan, and James. We know Jacob Parker was deceased in 1805 because of a deed dated 20 March 1805 from William Parker of Cumberland County to Ica Parker of Cumberland County conveying 86 acres on Upper Little River "belonging formerly to my father Jacob Parker, dec'd., it being also my part of his landed estate, bounded by Kader Parker's land and Ica Parker's land." (Recorded Book 20, p. 317). This was part of land on upper side of Upper Little River on Silver run that was deeded, 1 Jan. 1777, by Richard Creech to Jacob Parker of Cumberland County. (Deed Book 7, p. 60)

We are not positive as to the order of birth of the above named 5 sons of Jacob Parker but it is evident Ica and William were of age in 1805. We know from family records that William Parker was born Mar. 26, 1784. So he was just 21 years old when he sold the above 86 acres of land to his brother Ica Parker. That Ica was older than William is indicated by the fact that he married Nancy Pope 2 years before William married Lydia Pope and we know Lydia was younger than her sister Nancy. (13 Nov. 1815, Stephen Pope deeded land to Lydia Parker "my younger daughter") And Kader Parker married Margaret Bell 20 Dec. 1803, after Ica had married Nancy Pope 7 Oct. 1803. We believe Ica, William and Kader, in that order, were the first 3 sons.

The brothers Ica and Jonathan Parker (and possibly others) moved to Georgia in 1816. William, bro. of Ica, did not move to Georgia. The 1850 U.S. census showed him, age 66, and his wife Lydia, age 61, still residing in Cumberland Co., N.C. He died Aug. 19, 1851. This same census showed his son Jacob Parker, age 35 and with a family, then residing in Cumberland County. This Jacob moved to Indiana in 1853.

Jonathan Parker, bro. of Ica & William, did move to Georgia. Jan 24, 1817 "Jonathan Parker of the State of Georgia" conveyed to "Allen McDougald, minister, of Cumberland Co., N.C." 60 acres of a tract of 320 acres deeded by George Evans and wife to Jacob Parker 28 March 1786. This deed also conveyed to McDougald two other tracts of 160 and 170 acres respectively. (Book 28, p. 679, Cumberland Co., N.C., deed records)

Following is further evidence that Ica, William, Kader, Jonathan and James were brothers, the sons of Jacob Parker of Cumberland Co., N.C.

14 Sept. 1812, Ica Parker conveyed to Jonathan Parker, both of Cumberland County, two pieces of land on Upper Little River, "including the land whereon I now live, it being all that part of the lands laid off by the commissioners appointed to divide the lands of the late Jacob Parker, dec'd., among the heirs of said Parker — that was laid off for Ica Parker and William Parker containing 160 acres more or less". (Book 23, p. 987) This included the 86 acres William deeded to Ica in 1805 (Book 20, p. 317).

17 Oct. 1812, James Parker conveyed to Jonathan Parker, both of Cumberland County, land on the upper side of Upper Little River, "being the lower part of the land Jacob Parker bought of George Evans, being the whole of that part of land laid off to James Parker out of the land bought of George Evans". (Book 23, p. 988) This last named deed was witnessed by Jas. Atkins and Elijah Tedder, and it is worthy of note that Elijah Tedder was a son-in-law of Stephen Pope, father of Nancy and Lydia Pope who married the brothers Ica and William Parker. Jas Atkins was brother-in-law of Jacob Parker.

Earlier record searchers have said that Sgt. Jacob Parker, R.S., died in 1812, no doubt basing this conclusion on the dates of the two deeds last above mentioned. They evidently missed the March 1805 deed from William Parker to Ica Parker (Book 20, p. 317), supra.

18 Mar. 1787 George Evans sold Jacob Parker 170 acres on West side of Upper Little River (Book 8, p. 233).

1789, Grant from State of N.C. to Jacob Parker, 150 acres N.E. side of Upper Little River "above Parkers Bridge", surveyed in 1785. (Book 10, p. 226) This was probably a bounty for Revolutionary War service.

Jacob Parker was a Sergeant in Militia of Cumberland Co., N.C., under command of Capt. Ebeneza Folsom and was paid for such service at Wilmington, N. C., in 1783. (See Rev. Army Accounts, N.C. Historical Commission, Raleigh) The 1790 U.S. census listed Jacob Parker as head of a family then residing in Fayette Dist., Cumberland Co., N.C., with household which included his wife, 4 male children all under 16 years, 2 female children, and 7 slaves. So one son is missing in this enumeration, but these early censuses were often incomplete and sometimes inaccurate. Fur-

thermore, one son may have been born after 1790. We have not learned names of the 2 daughters.

It is seen by the aforementioned deeds that Ica, William, Jonathan and James, all conveyed lands which they inherited from their father Jacob Parker. We have found no conveyance out of Kader Parker in which he described lands as inherited and laid off to him from the estate of his father Jacob Parker. But the 1805 deed (Book 20, p. 317) from William Parker to Ica Parker conveyed 86 acres on Upper Little River "belonging formerly to my father Jacob Parker, dec'd, it being also my part of his landed estate, — bounded by Kader Parker's land and Ica Parker's land". This certainly indicates that this "Kader Parker's land" was part of the landed estate of Jacob Parker.

We recently had the Genealogical Society, L.D.S., of Salt Lake City, do extensive research on Cumberland County Parker and Pope records and their report is contained in 12 single spaced typewritten pages. Among other conclusions, they say: "From the material presented herewith, it seems quite evident that Jacob Parker" (R.S. Cumberland Co.) "had sons, Ica, William, Jonathan, James and Kader".

We are not certain of the parentage of Sgt. Jacob Parker, R.S., but we believe his father was **Kader Parker** to whom Thomas Hadley conveyed 640 acres on east side of North-West (Cape Fear) River under date of 1 Feb. 1772. (Deed Book 4, p. 439) It is believed this Kader Parker came from Nansemond Co., Va.

The following year, 4 Feb. 1773, Micaiah Terrell and wife conveyed 440 acres on east side of North-West (Cape Fear) River to John Parker (probably a brother of Kader). This deed, recorded Book 6, p. 96, was witnessed by Kader Parker and Samuel Goodman.

In the same year, 1 Mar. 1773. Richard Creech conveyed 250 acres on Upper Little River (which flows into North-West, Cape Fear, River on the west side) to "Jacob Parker, a cooper, of Cumberland county". (Book 6, p. 133) We are inclined to believe this Jacob Parker, a cooper or barrel maker, was an uncle or first cousin of our Sgt. Jacob Parker, though he could possibly have been his father. Coopering seems to have been a family trade among early Parkers. Note the 1696 land grant to John Parker, a cooper, of Nansemond Co., Va., hereafter mentioned.

The next recorded Cumberland county deed to a Jacob Parker was that of Jan. 1, 1777 from Richard Creech (Book 7, p. 60), supra. We think certainly this was our Sgt. Jacob Parker.

We know our Sgt. Jacob was not a son of the John Parker who bought 440 acres from Terrell & wife in 1773 (Book 6, p. 96). This John died in Cumberland Co., N. C., circa 1802 and may have been a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland (see 1801 will of Robert Adam, post.)

We said the above John Parker died about 1802; this according to the July 1814 deed from his son William Parker to John Dickson. But it is difficult to understand why it was 16 years before commissioners were appointed to divide land among his heirs and more confusing as to why the deed from William Parker to John Dickson is dated more than 4 years prior to the division. Possibly there was more than one division, or division^s of more than one tract of land.

In December 1818, on petition of David Howie, the court appointed commissioners to divide 407 acres of land of **John Parker, dec'd.**, among 10 heirs at law, viz: Weeks Parker, Theophilus Parker, Archibald Parker, James Parker, Mary Vann, William Parker, Martha Dickson (perhaps wife of John Dickson), John Parker, Sarah Bell, and Margaret Hadley. (Book 32, p. 258)

In July 1814 a deed from William Parker to John Dickson recited "whereas John Parker, late of Cumberland county, departed this life on or about _____ 1802, intestate, seized of a tract of land on N.E. side of Northwest River, containing 440 acres conveyed to John Parker by Micajah Terrell and wife . . . William Parker at the death of his father John was entitled to 1/10 part of the aforementioned premises". Deed Book 28, p. 1) The record of this deed is faded and possibly the year of death of John Parker was 1812 and not 1802.

The above John Parker's daughter Mary m. Ezekiel Vann in 1803 and the son William Parker m. Lucretia Vann in 1809. There is evidence that John's sons Weeks and Theophilus Parker went to Edgecombe Co., N.C.

The 1801 will of Robert Adam probated in Cumberland county (Will Book A, p. 42) contained a bequest "to my friend and cousin William Parker, esq. son of John Parker, esq. of Kilmarnock, Scotland". With evidence at hand, we will not say positively that John Parker, esquire, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, was the John Parker who died in Cumberland Co., N.C., in the early 1800s but it so seems.

With all the foregoing, we are yet undecided as to the parentage of our Sgt. Jacob Parker, father of Ica and grandfather of Cader Atkins Parker. The name Kader Parker, with various spellings, appears in many counties. There was a 2nd Lieut. Kader Parker serving in the N.C. Continental Line in 1776. He had a son Jesse Parker, b. 1779, who m. Rhoda Williams (D.A.R. Line-

1851, and she in 1855. Shown living with them in 1850 were 2 ch.: James Parker, recorded as 21, and Randle Parker, age 12. The name Randle is indistinct on census schedule and he may have been the Babaal or Bango (family records conflict on this name). However, according to family records, he would have been nearly 18 and not 12 years old in 1850. Also, James, 7th ch. of William and Lydia, would have been nearly 30 years old when this census was taken.

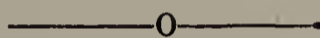
(The only records of descendants of the above which are available to this chronicler are those of No. 6, Jacob Parker, b. 10 Aug. 1816. We are indebted to Mrs. Verna Parker Vosloh of Bloomfield, Ind. and to Mrs. Mary Neal Anderson of Hawthorne, Nevada, for names and birth dates of the 12 children of William & Lydia Pope Parker.)

Jacob Parker (grandson of Sgt. Jacob Parker and 6th ch. of William & Lydia Pope Parker), b. 10 Aug. 1816 in N.C., moved to Indiana circa 1853, where he was a school teacher and a farmer. A History of Greene Co., Ind., published 1908, says: "He was a man of original thought and independent temperament, which showed itself in his political affiliations, having been successively a Democrat, a Whig, and later a Republican." His 12 ch., by his 2 wives, were as follows:

- i. **Francis Marion Parker**, U.S.A., b. 13 Feb. 1844, d. 10 Nov. 1931;
m. 10 Feb. 1880, Virginia Bötterff; 5 ch. recorded hereafter.
- ii. William Kedar Parker, b. 29 Jan. 1845; d. a child.
- iii. Effie Isabelle Parker, b. 12 Feb. 1846, d. 1915;
m. Daniel Cox, by whom were 6 ch.
- iv. **Jas. Daniel Parker**, U.S.A., b. 28 May 1848; d. 29 Sept. 1924;
m. 5 Apr. 1866, Cassie Jane Fitzpatrick; 8 ch. recorded post.
- v. John Allen Parker, b. 3 June 1850; school teacher; unmarried.
- vi. Marshall Parker, b. 10 Mar. 1852; Church of Christ minister;
m. Rebecca Woodall; they moved to Arkansas.
- vii. Sarah Catherin Parker, b. 3 May 1854;
m. (1) Armistead Hatfield; 6 ch. by this m.
m. (2) Ben Green; no ch. known.
- viii. Mary Margaret Jane Parker, b. 2 June 1856;
m. Lindsey (or Linza) Cox; 3 ch.

- ix. Amanda Parker (1st ch. by Mary Beatty), b. 5 Nov. 1864; d. 1939;
m. William Thos. Ashcraft; 11 ch.
- x. Eliza Parker, b. 31 Mar. 1867; d. 23 June, 1938;
m. William Edw. Noel; 7 ch.; a son, Paul, lives Bloomfield
- xi. Robert Jacob Parker, b. 21 May 1868, d. 12 Sept. 1946;
m. 1892, Rachel Ann Hudson; had 7 ch.; a son, Edwin O. Parker, killed in World War, I.; another son, Robert Axsom Parker, lives in Bloomfield, Ind.
- xii. William Parker, b. 19 Aug. 1870, d. 5 Apr. 1934;
m. 1891, Dollie Hudson; has 4 ch.: Cyrus, Herbert, Doyle and Mary Parker.

All 12 ch. of Jacob Parker by his 2 wives, Eliza Spence and Mary Beatty, are now dead; 11 lived to maturity; 10 married and left numerous descendants, quite a number yet living in Greene Co., Ind. The first 6 ch. were born in Harnett Co., N.C.; remaining 6 in Greene Co., Ind. We here record with particularity only the families of Francis Marion Parker (1844-1931), and James Daniel Parker (1848-1924), both of whom were Civil War veterans in the Union Army.



Francis Marion Parker (1st ch. of Jacob & Eliza Spence Parker), b. 13 Feb. 1844, in Harnett Co., N.C., d. 10 Nov. 1931 in Greene Co., Ind. A graduate of Indiana University, he taught school and was a civil engineer: county surveyor Greene Co., Ind., 8 years, and Drainage Commissioner 16 years; was enlisted in Co. E, 97th Ind. Inf. during Civil War. He was successively a Democrat, a Populist, a Democrat and last a Republican. He was very religious and in 1911 published a series of Religious Essays.

m. 10 Feb. 1880, Virginia Bottorff, dau. of Joel & Josephine (Harbolt) Bottorff, by whom were 5 ch. living to maturity, as follows:

1. Chas. Channing Parker, b. 22 Sept. 1882, d. 25 Sept. 1952;
m. Carrie Bottorff, a cousin, of Charlestown, Ind.
2. Lowell Francis Parker, b. 6 Oct. 1884;
m. Bonnie Azbell; 1 son, Francis M. Parker, II.
3. Ruby Blanche Parker, b. 11 Mar. 1886; lives Skokie, Ill.;
m. 23 Nov. 1910, Edward Franklin Johnson; 3 ch.:
 - i. Virginia Johnson, b. 24 Nov. 1911;
m. J. F. McDevitt (no ch.)
 - ii. Clyde S. Johnson, b. 24 Apr. 1915;
m. Arta Furth (ch.: Florence and Kelvin).

- iii. Edw. F. Johnson, Jr., b. 17 Oct. 1920;
m. Mary Ann Rukavena; ch: George, Robert, Gregory, John.
- 4. Verna Pearl Parker, b. 30 Nov. 1887; lives Bloomfield, Ind.;
m. 20 July 1910, Will R. Vosloh; lawyer in Bloomfield; 5 ch:
 - i. Karl Parker Vosloh, b. 22 Aug. 1911; Circuit Ct. judge.
m. Fay Guthrie (no ch.)
 - ii. Wm. Robt. Vosloh, Jr., b. 4 Feb. 1916; lawyer, Baltimore, Md.;
m. Joanne King of Indianapolis, Ind. (2 ch.)
 - iii. Channing Marion Vosloh, b. 30 May 1918; a teacher;
m. Rowena Quillen (1 dau.)
 - iv. Dale Vosloh, b. 8 Dec. 1920, d. 26 Mar. 1926.
 - v. Lowell Francis Vosloh, b. 9 Dec. 1922, d. 1949.

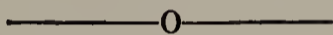
Jas. Daniel Parker (4th ch. of Jacob & Eliza Spence Parker),
b. 28 May 1848 in Harnett Co., N.C., d. 29 Sept. 1924 in Lawrence Co., Ind.; buried Dishman cemetery, Greene Co., Ind. When 16 years old he enlisted in Union Army, Co. H, 31st Indiana Inf. He was a farmer and a miller.

m. 5 Apr. 1866, Cassie Jane Fitzpatrick in Greene Co., Ind., dau. of Joseph T. & Sarah (Floyd) Fitzpatrick. Following 8 ch. lived to maturity:

1. Joseph Marion Parker, b. 22 Dec. 1866, d. 2 Nov. 1933;
m. 17 Sept. 1889, Lula Rainbolt.
2. Sarah Isabell Parker, b. 22 Dec. 1866, d. 23 Apr. 1891;
m. 14 May 1884, Dr. Bart Tumus McKee.
3. Edna Elnora Parker, b. 22 May 1869; living in 1957;
m. 25 Aug. 1887, George Franklin Price.
4. Henry Ira Parker, b. 14 Jan. 1872, d. 29 Jan. 1947;
m. 24 May 1898, Cragie Lieu Bvers.
5. Lillie Alica Parker, b. 29 Jan. 1873, d. 11 Dec. 1953;
m. 7 May 1892, Milford Busenberg.
6. Cora Frances Parker, b. 5 Oct. 1874, d. 9 Feb., 1932;
m. 21 Aug. 1891, Harmon Boruff.
7. Rosa Katherine Parker, b. 29 Aug. 1876, d. 20 July, 1913;
m. 6 Mar. 1895, Ira Ganes Neal; a dau., Mary Thelma Neal.
(Ch. Mary T. Neal & T. L. Thompson listed after No. 8)
8. Ida Esther Parker, b. 26 Sept. 1882, d. 5 Dec. 1955;
m. 7 Dec. 1898, Thomas Hudson.

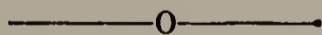
Mary Thelma Neal (dau. of Rosa K. Parker & Ira Ganes Neal); b. 11 Mar. 1904 in Lawrence Co., Ind.; now lives Hawthorne, Nevada; can furnish statistics on children and grandchildren of James Daniel Parker & Cassie Jane Fitzpatrick. Mary T. Neal was twice married:

- m. (1) Thos. LeRoy Thompson whom she divorced after birth of 5 ch.;
- m. (2) 29 July 1939, Ivan Farnes Anderson (no issue) with whom she now lives Her ch. by Thompson are:
 - i. Betty Jane Thompson, b. 21 Jan. 1923; m. Louis Kuhl.
 - ii. Richard Neal Thompson, b. 20 Feb. 1929; m. Bonnie Wilson.
 - iii. Thomas William Thompson, b. 6 July 1930; m. Lauana Bingham.
 - iv. Audrey Lee Thompson, b. 16 July 1931, d. 22 July 1931.
 - v. Edith Joanne Thompson, b. 12 Aug. 1932; m. James Lee Hale.

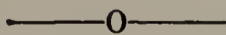


This concludes about all this chronicler knows of descendants of William Parker (1784-1851) and his wife Lydia Pope (1787-1855) and, as aforesaid, this records only descendants of the son Jacob Parker (b. 10 Aug. 1816); we know nothing definite of descendants of his 11 brothers and sisters. It is also regrettable that we know nothing of descendants of Sgt. Jacob Parker, R.S., except those of his sons Ica and William Parker who married sisters Nancy and Lydia Pope.

Future genealogists and family historians must finish, or add to, this record and it is hoped this work will be of some assistance. They are directed to early public records in North Carolina and Virginia, of which we have not made an exhaustive search.



Facts regarding family of Stephen & Martha (Vick) Pope are recorded in the chapter on Ica & Nancy (Pope) Parker, next following.



ICA PARKER & NANCY POPE

(1780-1855)

(1783-1842)

Ica Parker, son of Sgt. Jacob, was born in 1780 in Cumberland Co., N.C., and died in 1855 on his farm in Stewart Co., Ga. From childhood he was accustomed to toil and was a farmer all his life, most of which was lived as a hardy pioneer. His father and mother were educated above the average and Ica received elementary schooling. In religious belief Ica was a Baptist (his forefathers were Quakers and Baptists) but he was about 60 years old before he and his wife were both baptized in the Primitive Baptist faith. At least four of their sons (Cader, James, Jacob and Stephen) were Primitive Baptist preachers. Ica Parker inherited from his father lands in North Carolina, which he later sold, and acquired lands in Washington and Stewart counties in Georgia. Nevertheless, he was a poor man.

7 Oct. 1803, Ica Parker married Nancy Pope, daughter of Stephen Pope and Martha Vick of Cumberland Co., N.C., where the marriage is of public record. Nancy Pope was born in 1783 and died of pneumonia during a scarlet fever epidemic in 1842. Her husband died 12 years later. Both were buried in Stewart Co., Ga.

Ica Parker sold his lands in North Carolina and in January 1816 he and his family moved to Washington Co., Ga. Little is known of their life during their 12 years residence there, because in the war of the 1860s General Sherman's troops burned the Washington county court house and destroyed all public records there. This atrocity, deliberately perpetrated, was repeated in county after county in Georgia. Federal troops under Sherman carried out a "scorched earth" policy by burning public buildings and private homes, robbing civilians and looting the countryside wherever they went. Our Ica Parker family had moved long before this but some of their near relatives were there during the war of the 60s.

In the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery **Ika Parker**, then a resident of Manning's District in Washington county, drew land lot No. 145 (202½ acres) in the 24th land district of what was then Lee Co., Ga., but became part of Randolph in 1828, and was incorporated into Stewart county in 1830. This tract of land is some 5 miles north of the town of Richland and said lot No. 145 is now bounded on the east by Webster county.

In 1828 Ica Parker and family settled on this land, then part of Randolph, now in Stewart county, and there he died in 1855.

This section was a virgin forest and Ica Parker and sons felled the trees to build a log house and they cleared and cultivated the land. His son Cader A. Parker later wrote in his autobiography that the section was then "a wilderness country, with no facilities for education" and that he "was left to fight the battle of life without even the rudiments of an English education, only to spell, read and write imperfectly". Ica Parker had some schooling in North Carolina and he taught his children to read, write and calculate.

By legislative act of Dec. 23, 1830, Stewart county was created and carved out of the north portion of Randolph county. However some Randolph county public records of the late 1820s and 1830 are in the Stewart county court house at Lumpkin, including record of the 7 Nov. 1830 marriage of Cader A. Parker and Louisa Candler (the "young childless widow" of Beard).

Some idea of the primitive living of the Ica Parker family in Stewart county may be imagined from the fact that it was 1834 before their home was on a "public road". In April 1834 the Judges of the Interior Court of Stewart County ordered "that the road from the land line of land lots 147 and 148 in the 24th District by way of Ica Parker's and thence to lot No. 10 in the 23rd District be made a public road". (p. 19, History of Stewart County, by Terrill and Dixon, 1958) Thus we know approximate location of the home of Ica Parker in 1834. At this time Cader A. Parker had a family of his own and lived in Muscogee (now Chattahoochee) county some 20 miles northwest of Richland.

We do not have so complete a record of names and birth dates of the children of Ica & Nancy (Pope) Parker as we have heretofore shown for the children of William & Lydia (Pope) Parker. It is likely Ica and Nancy had 8 or 10 children but we definitely know of only 6: a daughter, Sarah (called Sallie); and 5 sons: Jacob, II; Stephen; Cader; Ica, Jr.; and James. We are not certain of the order of their births. We know living descendants of 3 of the sons, Stephen, Cader and James.

There were many Parkers (not all related) in the infancy of Stewart county. As early as March 1829, public records show Jacob Parker was a judge of Inferior Court of Randolph County, and the first term of the Inferior Court of Stewart County, held Apr. 16, 1831, was presided over by Justices John Cowan, Jared Irwin and Jacob Parker. Judging from these dates, Jacob Parker, II (grandson of Sgt. Jacob) was probably the first child of Ica & Nancy (Pope) Parker and was born between 1804 and 1806.

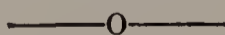
We know his brother Stephen Parker was born Apr. 28, 1807. So Jacob wasn't more than 25 years old when he became a judge. This was not unusual. No knowledge of law was required of these judges and few had much schooling.

The next Stewart County public record of Jacob Parker was in 1842 when he appears to have been a school teacher. On Apr. 26, 1842, the Commissioners of the Poor School Fund met and appointed Josiah Carter as "trustee of the Jacob Parker School" and on the same date the account of Jacob Parker in amount of \$18 was approved for payment.

We have found no public record but family tradition says Jacob Parker married Marilda Fletcher. They were probably married about 1825 in Washington Co., Ga., where marriage records of that day have been destroyed (burned by Sherman's soldiers in 1864). Their descendants are unknown to us.

The known children of Ica Parker and Nancy Pope were:

- I. Jacob Parker (II), b. 1804; m. 1825, Marilda Fletcher.
(See 3 paragraphs last above)
- II. Ica Parker, Jr. (called Isaac), b. 1805 (?);
m. Nov. 28, 1839, Sarah Whitaker, in Stewart Co., Ga.
Both joined Shady Grove Baptist Church in 1843.
(No record of descendants)
- III. Stephen Parker, b. Apr. 28, 1807, d. Aug. 4, 1854;
m. (1) May 8, 1834, Mary Wiseman Ross (6 ch.);
m. (2) In 1846, Martha Cook (3 ch.).
Descendants hereafter recorded.
- IV. CADER ATKINS PARKER, b. May 16, 1810, d. Jan. 19,
1886;
m. Nov. 7, 1830, Mrs. Louisa (Candler) Beard.
Descendants hereafter recorded.
- V. Sarah Parker, b. 1812 (?); m. Sept. 30, 1830, James Lilly.
(Also known as Sallie Parker and Ghanna Lillie)
- VI. James Parker, b. 1816 (?), d. 1854;
m. Apr. 14, 1842, Nancy F. Bridges, in Stewart Co., Ga.
Descendants hereafter recorded.



STEPHEN POPE & MARTHA VICK

Stephen Pope (father of Nancy and Lydia who married brothers Ica and William Parker) was born in Virginia circa 1755 and died in Cumberland Co., N.C., in 1825. His will, dated 10 Feb. 1818, was probated in September 1825 (Book B, p. 137). The will,

photocopy of which we have, provides a life estate for "my beloved wife" but does not give her name. We know, however, that she was **Martha Vick**, daughter of Josiah Vick.. R.S.

There is the record of a gift in 1805 from Josiah Vick of Southampton Co., Va., to his daughter Martha Pope, wife of Stephen Pope of Cumberland Co., N.C. So we should look to Southampton Co., Va., for the Josiah Vick record; and the marriage and possibly the parentage of Stephen Pope.

Also,, the 12 May 1812 deed from Stephen Pope of Cumberland county to Tapley Johnson conveying lands "including where Elijah Tedder lived" is signed by Stephen Pope and Martha Pope (Book 28, p. 631). This deed was witnessed by Henry W. Rhodes and William Parker. Elijah Tedder and William Parker were sons-in-law of Stephen Pope, and certainly Martha Pope was his wife. Another deed from Stephen and Martha Pope to Cox Carter (Book 35, p. 241) was signed in 1824 (the year before Stephen Pope died) and conveyed lands on Hector's Creek. So it appears Martha Vick Pope survived her husband.

The will of Stephen Pope, after providing a life estate for his wife, bequeathed "to my daughter Lydda parker the land and plantation where I now live containing 130 acres". Next, "I give to and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha Tedder and my daughter Nancy the balance of my land, after Lydda nas her 130 acres". Next, "the rest of my property I desire should be equally divided between my two daughters and my grand daughter before named. Except five shillings I give to my son in law Elijah Tedder in bar of his having any further claim on my estate".

Stephen Pope had no sons, at least none surviving him. He had 3 daughters: Nancy who married Ica Parker, Lydia who married William Parker, and another whose name is not of record but who married Elijah Tedder and was the mother of Martha Tedder. It seems certain the mother of Martha Tedder was the first child of Stephen and Martha (Vick) Pope and, further, that she died sometime before 1803. We have no Cumberland county marriage records prior to 1803 but we do have them for that and subsequent years, and it is certain Elijah Tedder married Stephen Pope's eldest daughter sometime before 1803. It appears Elijah Tedder was thrice married. Records show he married Sally Cobb 14 Mar. 1805 and he married Martha Ellison 17 Dec. 1819. Doubtless his daughter Martha was raised by her grandparents. Elijah had remarried (2nd marriage) 13 years before date of

Stephen Pope's will and this probably accounts for the fact he was left only 5 shillings "in bar of his having any further claim" on the estate of Stephen Pope. The marriages of Nancy Pope to Ica Parker, 7 Oct. 1803, and of Lydia Pope to William Parker, 13 Nov. 1805, are of record in Cumberland County.

William Parker, son-in-law, was sole executor of the will of Stephen Pope. There were two good reasons why Ica Parker was not named co-executor. First, he had moved to Georgia 2 years before date of this will and, next, Lydia appears to have been the favorite daughter.

13 Nov. 1815 Stephen Pope, in consideration of "the love, goodwill and affection which I have and bear towards my younger daughter Lydda" deeded to Lydda Parker "all the lands I now possess in said county lying on the waters of Hector's Creek including the lands and plantation whereon I now live containing by estimation 220 acres more or less (36 acres on the hills of Hector's Creek — patented in my own name — excepted) to have and to hold to her the said Lydda Parker my younger daughter her heirs executors and administrators forever, reserving only to myself & wife the use and benefit of said land rents during our natural life time and no longer. The part that William Parker may clear or cause to have cleared and cultivated I will have nothing to do with". (Deed Book 28, p. 246) This deed was witnessed by Jas. Atkins and John Bethea. James Atkins was an uncle of Ica and William Parker.

We are not certain of the parentage of our Stephen Pope (1755-1825). A deed dated in 1815 from Pool Pope to his son Stephen Pope conveyed 150 acres on Black Mingo Creek, Cumberland county (Book 31, p. 104), but we doubt this was our Stephen Pope, father of Nancy and Lydia.

Stephen Pope's name does not appear in the 1790 U. S. census for N.C., though this is not an adequate conclusion that he was not there. He may still have been in Virginia at that time. But there was a Pool Pope in Dobbs Co., N.C., in the 1790 census, the only male in a household with 7 females. The tax lists of the 1790 period show a Stephen Pope in Sussex Co., Va., with 6 white persons in his family. This could possibly have been our Stephen.

The earliest recorded land ownership of Stephen Pope in Cumberland Co., N.C., as far as we know, was 7 May 1803 when William Dalby sold him 130 acres on Cooper's Branch (Book 21, p. 366). In 1806 (a year after he married Sally Cobb) Elijah Tedder conveyed to Stephen Pope 100 acres on Cooper's Branch (Book 22, p. 226).

This may have been land Stephen Pope had previously given his son-in-law Elijah Tedder, though we found no record of such deed of gift. Note that in 1812 Stephen Pope and his wife conveyed land to Tapley Johnson "including where Elijah Tedder formerly lived" (Book 28, p. 631). Though we haven't found the record (we made no exhaustive search), it is most likely Stephen Pope had lands in Cumberland County before his purchase from William Dalby in 1803. In his deed of gift to his daughter Lydia Parker in 1815 (Book 28, p. 246) Stephen Pope mentioned lands "patented in my own name". That record is doubtless in the N.C. Dept. of Archives and History in Raleigh.

Concerning Pool Pope, it is noted that a Poole Pope was witness to the 1816 deed from Morris Smith to Stephen Pope (Book 32, p. 105). So there must have been a close connection between Pool Pope and our Stephen Pope, whether father and son we can not say.

Following unverified information given us by Mrs. Mary Neal Anderson of Hawthorne, Nevada, is of note and should be checked:

"William Pope (1634-1700), known as William Pope, Quaker, came from England to Virginia about 1655 and settled in Isle of Wight County. His wife's name was Marie, and they had 3 sons: William, Henry and John, and a daughter: Else. John and several sons settled in Robeson Co., N.C."

"Will of William Pope, Edgecombe Co., N.C., dated 15 Jan. 1749, probated Feb. Court 1749, names Executors: Jacob Pope (son) and Joseph Newsom (son-in-law). Devisees: sons, Jacob, West, William, Jr., and Stephen Pope; daughters, Rebecca Taylor and Julia Newsom; grandsons, William Taylor and William Pope."

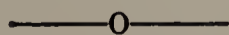
Query: Might Stephen Pope, son of William who died in Edgecombe Co., N.C., in 1749, and grandson of William Pope, Quaker (1634-1700), have been our Stephen Pope who married Martha Vick, daughter of Josiah Vick? Mrs. C. A. Norris (see appendix) thinks our Stephen of Cumberland County was grandson of William who died in Edgecombe in 1749.

As heretofore shown, the known children of Stephen & Martha (Vick) Pope were:

a daughter, m circa 1800, Elijah Tedder.

Nancy Pope, m. 7 Oct. 1803, Ica Parker.

Lydia Pope, m. 13 Nov. 1805, William Parker.



This ends Stephen Pope and Martha Vick

Descendants of

ICA PARKER & NANCY POPE

REV. STEPHEN PARKER

(1807-1854)

- III. **Stephen Parker**, son of Ica, was born Apr. 28, 1807 in Cumberland Co., N.C., died Aug. 4, 1854 in Chattahoochee Co., Ga., buried in Slaughter Creek cemetery about 10 miles north of Richland, Ga. He moved with his parents from N.C. to Washington Co., Ga., in 1816; then to Stewart Co., Ga., when 21 years old and lived the remainder of his life in that section, a farmer and Baptist preacher. He was twice married.
- m. (1) May 8, 1834, **Mary Wiseman Ross**, dau. of **Jesse Ross**, R. S., of Mullins District of Jones Co., Ga. As such R.S., he was granted land lot 234 in 23rd Dist. of Stewart Co., Ga., and settled there. The Marriage of Stephen Parker and Mary Wiseman Ross is recorded Book "A", p. 34, in Stewart Co., Ga. She was born Oct. 31, 1816, in Jones Co., Ga., died Mar. 11, 1844, and her grave is beside that of her husband in Slaughter Creek cemetery; both graves marked by tombstones inscribed with birth and death dates. By this marriage there were 6 children:
1. **Frank Cader Parker**, b. Feb. 11, 1835, d. 1902 in Ark.
 - m. (1) **Julia Hill**, by whom was 1 son:
 - i. **Frank J. Parker**, m. **Elizabeth Cone** (2 dau.).
 - m. (2) **Fanny Ladd** (no issue).
 2. **Stephen Wise Parker**, C.S.A., b. July 25, 1836, d. May 13, 1903, in Washington, D. C.; there buried in Glenwood cemetery. He was a Colonel in Confederate Army, 110th Ga. Militia, commissioned such Jan. 2, 1862. Called **S. Wise Parker**, he was a lawyer and was Solicitor General for Pataula Circuit in southwest Georgia from Feb. 1, 1867 to Jan. 19, 1872 when he resigned. (Record in Dept. of Archives and History, in Atlanta; and his name appears as attorney for the State in *Foster v. State*, Vol. 41, p. 583, Ga. Supreme Court Reports.) Thereafter he became active in the Republican Party and moved to Washington, D.C., where he practiced law until his death. In 1891 **James G. Blaine**, then Secretary of State, appointed him Consul to St. Christo-

pher Island in British West Indies. His son J. Wise Parker was Vice-Consul there.

In 1869, Stephen Wise Parker m. Ella Hudnell of Ft. Gaines, Ga. Their only children were 2 sons.

- i. John Wise Parker, b. Oct. 20, 1870, d. Dec. 16, 1943; buried, Fayetteville, Arkansas. In early manhood he was Vice-Consul in West Indies; and for many years was a railway mail clerk. In later years he did much research on his Parker genealogy, visiting relatives in Georgia and elsewhere. He came to Moultrie, Ga., several times and this author learned much from him.

Sept. 20, 1898, J. Wise Parker and Cora Mae Roberts married in Washington Co., Ark. She was b. July 7, 1875 in Missouri. They had 3 ch:

- (a) Donald Ross Parker, b. July 27, 1899; m. Reba McAfee (no issue).
- (b) Harold Roberts Parker, b. Oct. 11, 1900, d. May 15, 1954, in Little Rock, Ark.; m. Roberta Adams; 2 ch.:
 - (aa) Frances Roberta Parker m. John B. Watts.
 - (bb) Harold R. Parker, Jr.
- (c) Sarah Frances Parker, b. Feb. 14, 1904, single; living in Fayetteville, Ark. She has considerable data from her father's files.

- ii. Stephen Ross Parker, b. May 12, 1872, d. June 26, 1951; never married; practiced law in St. Louis, Mo., and in Seattle, Wash.; buried East St. Louis, Ill.

3. Louduskie Parker, b. July, 1838, d. 1911 in Arkansas; m. (1) a Professor Wade; 1 ch.:
Lucy Wade, m. a Dr. Cyalton.

- m. (2) Isaac Newton, a Methodist Minister; 1 ch.:
Frank Newton, d. age 18.

4. Murdock J. Parker, b. July 29, 1840; killed Battle of Chickamauga Sept. 20, 1863; never married; was 1st Lt. Co. G, 17th Ga. Inf., Benning's Brigade, Hood's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. His brother, Col. Stephen Wise Parker, brought his body home. His grave is in Slaughter Creek cemetery not far from those of his father and mother. His headstone is

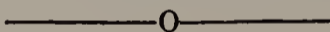
inscribed with birth and death dates and his military record.

5. Ica Brooks Parker, b. Feb. 18, 1842, d. Mar. 30, 1843.
6. Mary Jane Parker, b. Feb. 22, 1844, d. 1909;
m. Feb. 22, 1866, Green D. Bowen, at Cuthbert, Ga.
Had 8 sons and 2 daus.; all lived to maturity. One dau., Margie Green, m. W. S. Taylor who, while Sheriff of Randolph county, was killed by a Negro desperado.

Note: Names and dates above for first 6 ch. of Rev. Stephen Parker verified by records in Bible of Mary Jane Parker Bowen, in possession of her grandson, Claude Bowen, at Cuthbert, Ga.

- m. (2) In 1846 Rev. Stephen Parker m. **Martha Cook**.
She was buried in cemetery at Dawson, Ga., and monument on family lot simply records her as "M. D. PARKER, BORN MAY 3, 1830, DIED DEC. 17, 1886", surviving her husband 32 years. There were 3 ch. by this marriage:
 1. Carrie Parker m. Dr. Rufus G. Jones, dentist in Dawson. They had 3 sons & 2 daughters.
 2. Callie Parker, d. 1891; m. J. J. Beck (3 ch.).
 3. Oregon Parker, d. age 56, spinster school teacher.

**End of genealogy of
Rev. Stephen Parker**



We here record descendants of James Parker (youngest son of Ica & Nancy Pope Parker) ahead of those of his brother Cader A. Parker, because we want the last section of this book to be an uninterrupted account of descendants of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker. Otherwise, this brief account would appear as the last item in this book.

JAMES PARKER

(1816-1854)

VI. **James Parker** (youngest son of Ica) was born in Washington Co., Ga., about 1816 and died in Stewart Co., Ga., in 1854. He and his wife were both killed by lightning that struck them at their country home not far from Richland, leaving 5 young children in destitute circumstances. The graves of this family, parents and children, are in the old Jeremiah Rogers cemetery near the Red Hill settlement. Like 3 of his older brothers, James Parker was a farmer and a Primitive Baptist preacher. Records show James Parker was commissioned Tax Receiver

Jan. 17, 1853 and his term abruptly ended Apr. 8, 1854, when he was succeeded by James M. Jones. (History of Stewart County, by Terrill & Dixon) Thus Apr. 8, 1854 is fixed as date of death of James Parker.

14 Apr. 1842, he married Nancy F. Bridges in Stewart Co., Ga., the marriage being recorded in the Ordinary's office in Lumpkin.

Ch:

1. Mary Ann Parker, never married.
2. Susan Parker, m. Eli Deese (4 ch.):
sons: James (Jim) and Thomas (Tom) Deese.
daus: Fannie and Clemmie Deese.
3. John Parker, never married.
4. Margaret Parker, never married.
5. Jacob W. Parker, b. 1850. d. Feb. 1891 in Stewart Co., Ga.
m. 1885, Fanny Mayo, b. 1860. (5 ch.; 2 d. infants);
 - i. James Ben. Parker, b. Nov. 15, 1886, d. 1951;
m. Bessie Henderson (2 sons).
 - (a) James Parker, deceased.
 - (b) Douglas Parker.
 - ii. Pearl Parker, b. May 5, 1888, d. Mar. 27, 1958;
m. Lonnie S. Kinnebrew (2 ch.):
 - (a) James Melvin Kinnebrew
 - (b) Sara Elaine Kinnebrew
 - iii. Jakie Parker, b. Mar. 9, 1891; lives in Jacksonville, Fla.
m. Seaborn Edward Taylor; 1 ch.:
 - (a) Joyce Taylor (adopted).

ELD. CADER ATKINS PARKER
(1810-1886)

Captain Georgia Militia, 1832-'33.
Primitive Baptist Preacher, 1833-'86.
Justice of the Peace in Ga., 1834-'36.
Representative Ala. Legislature, 1861-'65.
Member Texas State Senate, 1874-'75.



Cader Atkins Parker and
4 of 6 sons, about 1858

CADER ATKINS PARKER
(1810-1886)

- IV. Cader Atkins Parker (son of Ica), b. May 16, 1810, d. Jan. 19, 1886;
m. Nov. 7, 1830, Mrs. Louisa (Candler) Beard, b. 1804, d. 1889; ch.:
1. Missouri Caroline Parker, b. Sept. 5, 1831, d. Nov. 22, 1911; m. 1846, Sampson Dawster Helms; 9 ch.
 2. John Ica Parker, b. Mar. 15, 1833, d. Nov. 1, 1914; m. Dec. 14, 1854, Lucy Swift, 4 ch.
 3. Mark Candler Parker, b. Mar. 18, 1835, d. May 4, 1904; m. Nov. 23, 1854, Joanna Dorcas Thigpen; 13 ch.
 4. Nancy Elizabeth Parker, b. Mar. 14, 1837, d. Dec. 13, 1917; m. Dec. 24, 1854, James Warren Shelby; 10 ch.
 5. Louisa Ann Parker, b. Feb. 22, 1839, d. June 10, 1899; m. (1) John Franklin King; no issue.
m. (2) 1867, Thomas Washington King; 4 ch.
 6. Cader Atkins Parker, Jr. b. Feb. 14, 1841, d. July 21, 1863; unmarried; killed in Battle of Gettysburg.
 7. Stephen Pope Parker, b. Feb. 17, 1843, d. Mar. 9, 1906; m. (1) Oct. 17, 1861, Sally Elizabeth Holmes; 3 ch.
m. (2) Jan. 15, 1871, Henrietta Curic Fenn; 9 ch.
 8. Daniel Hall Parker, b. June 10, 1845, d. Sept. 21, 1926; m. Feb. 7, 1866, Augusta Virginia Pruett; 8 ch.
 9. William A. Parker, b. Mar 7, 1848, d. June 12, 1883; m. Dec. 17, 1873, Cynthia Smith; 1 ch.

As stated in his brief autobiography, Eld. Cader Atkins Parker was born in Cumberland Co., N.C., a son of Ica Parker and Nancy Pope. They moved to Washington Co., Ga., in January 1816, and thence to Stewart (then Randolph) Co., Ga., in 1828. The Nov. 7, 1830, marriage to C. A. Parker and Louisa C(andler) Beard is of record in Stewart county court house at Lumpkin, the ceremony having been performed by Halley Hudson, Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Louisa (Candler) Beard, as he said, was "a young, childless widow", a daughter of Mark Anthony Candler and granddaughter of Colonel William Candler, R.S.

Some years after their marriage, Eld. Cader A. Parker and wife moved from Stewart to Muscogee (now Chattahoochee) County, not far from the present town of Cusetta, Ga. The first church he served as pastor was Mount Olive Church in Muscogee, being called there in May 1834, but he and his family appear to have moved their residence there some 2 years later. Public records show Cader

A. Parker was a Justice of the Peace in Stewart county from Feb. 22, 1834 to Jan. 22, 1836, which latter date must be about the time he moved to Muscogee county.

Apr. 25, 1832, Cader A. Parker was commissioned Captain of Stewart County Guards (Dist. 727), Georgia Militia, and served as such until Aug. 14, 1833 when he was succeeded by John B. Awtry. Stewart County Guards formed part of the 2nd Brigade, 9th Division of Militia of Georgia. Records in Dept. of Archives and History, Atlanta. In this period there was sporadic fighting between the white settlers and the Creek Indians whose depredations were extensive and created a constant danger. By 1837 nearly all Indians had been settled on reservations.

Upon his profession of faith and baptism Cader Atkins Parker was received into the regular Baptist Church at Richland, Ga., in October 1831, and in November 1833 he was licensed to preach the Gospel. See his autobiography for detailed account of his ministry in Georgia, Alabama and Texas. Like nearly all Primitive Baptist preachers, then and now, he lived by toil. He was a farmer all his life and acquired a modest estate, sufficient to provide above the average education for his children. By 1860 his property worth was "not less than twenty thousand dollars". (See his obituary by D. H. Parker, in Appendix). But his estate was greatly depleted during and immediately after the Civil War.

In 1852, in order to provide his children with better educational opportunities, Eld. Cader A. Parker moved to the Midway section of Barbour (now Bullock) Co., Ala., and there his children took advantage of these opportunities for better schooling.

Incapacitated for war service (his left arm was amputated in 1857), Cader A. Parker served his county and state in the General Assembly of Alabama. While four of his sons fought in the Confederate States Army, he represented Barbour County in the House of Representatives from 1861 through 1865. A decade later he served in the General Assembly of Texas, a Senator for the counties of Titus and Red River during the sessions of the 14th Texas legislature, 1874-75. His important committee assignments in both Alabama and Texas indicate that he was regarded as a legislator of considerable ability and worth.

Alabama being heavily populated by newly liberated slaves and overrun by carpetbaggers from the North, Cader A. Parker sought to recoup some of his losses and reestablish himself and family in new territory where there were practically no Negroes and no carpetbaggers. So, with some of his sons and sons-in-law,

they rode westward on horseback in search of a new home. They came to and decided on the locality of Mount Vernon in Titus (now Franklin) County, in northeastern Texas, and they rode back to Alabama for their families.

In December 1867 this Parker family, Eld. Cader Parker and wife and 6 of their children, with their families (some babes in arms), headed for Texas. (The son, Mark C. Parker, had gone back to Louisiana two years before, in 1866. He had previously, 1856 to 1861, lived there. John Ica Parker, the oldest son, went to live in southwest Georgia).

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The Parkers, along with other families, traveled in covered wagons and on horseback a meandering route of nearly 800 miles through Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and into Texas. All the Parker family who went there remained and died in Texas except Daniel Hall Parker who returned to Georgia in 1891.

Cader A. Parker said that, as a child, he was deprived of "even the rudiments of an English education", except to spell, read and write but, by his own efforts, he acquired learning far beyond that of most men of his day. His autobiography demonstrates his mastery of rhetoric. It is said he was a born orator, in the sense that he was able to speak the mother tongue in simplest words that all could understand. Without domineering, he had a commanding personality; always stern, he was kind and considerate. Physically, he was large and strong, tending to the rawbone or gaunt type. Before turning gray, his hair was red, which may account for the red and auburn hair of a number of his grand and great grandchildren. A study of his severe but intelligent face (see picture accompanying autobiography) portrays he had lived a rigorous and vigorous life and suffered much.

Elder C. A. Parker departed this life Jan. 19, 1886. His widow survived him 3 years and died of cancer of the breast Jan. 4, 1889. Both are buried in Providence Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, Texas, their graves marked with appropriately inscribed tombstones.

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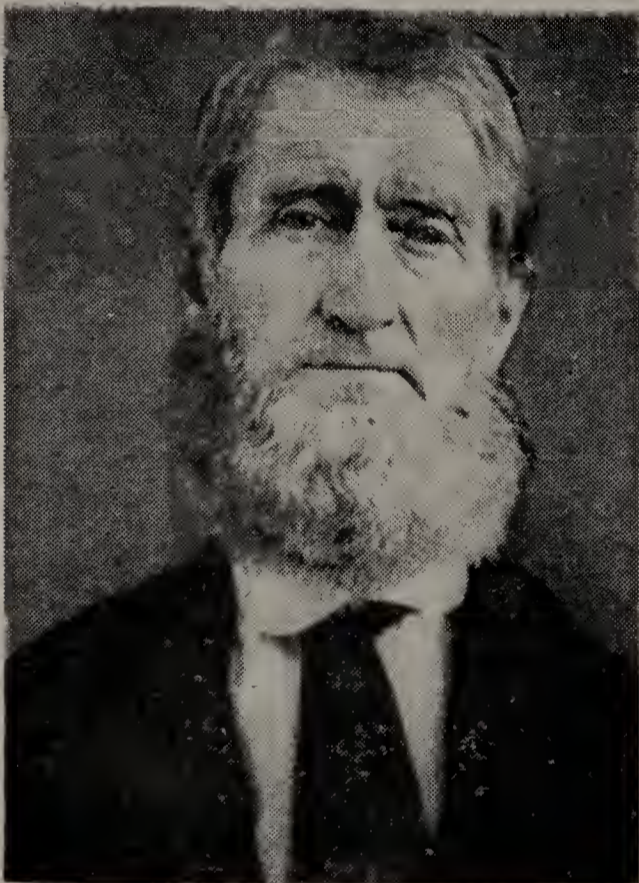
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Eld. C. A. Parker



I was born in Cumberland county N.C., May 16th 1810. My father's name was Ica Parker, and my mother's maiden name was Nancy Pope. They were both baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church in old age. They were low in circumstances. They moved to Washington county, Ga., January, 1816, where I was mainly raised; and then into Stewart county, when it was a wilderness country, with no facilities for education. So I was left to fight the battle of life without even the rudiments of an English education, only to spell, read and write imperfectly. But my motto through life has been, Read, read, read, and such is my advice to all others.

Of course I was born in sin, and was a sinner, though never abandoned to much outbreking wickedness.. My first convictions were in my fourteenth year, 1824, when I first realized in my soul that I was a sinner, lost and undone. But these convictions passed off in a short time and left me unconcerned; but returned for a while in 1826, and 1828, each time after a spell, passing off and leaving me unconcerned as in the first case. In 1831 they returned to stay with me. And it has ever been a difficult task to try to express what I realized in my mind, conscience and feelings; for about four months I suffered much fluctuation in mind and in feeling in every way. I sought the Lord in every way I could think of-in prayer, in read-

ing, in meditation, in attendance on preaching, in asking the ministers' prayers, in cries and in tears, getting no relief. Riding alone one day, and meditating upon my condition, I unexpectedly became overwhelmed, and commencing with prayer, I was soon filled with praising, shouting, and in a flood of tears of joy, all mixed up in a confused way, indescribable, but to me is best described as joy inexpressible and full of glory. This was the first time I ever could say, "Glory to God!" and know and feel what it meant. In a few minutes, whilst in a flood of tears of joy, I broke out to singing —

"Oh, glorious hope of perfect love,
It lifts me up to things above," &c.

I sung it through in a mixed up, confused way; my tears all dried away, and a sweet calm ensued; all nature bore a new aspect; I felt to love God and all creatures for his sake, and felt at peace with God and all mankind. I stopped my horse and looked every way to see if any one had seen me, and saw no one, and was glad; because a thought struck me to keep this matter to myself.

The above is the foundation of my faith, hope, and profession, that has lasted me to date—1883. For strong Scripture reasons I did not long confer with flesh and blood. These circumstances took place in Stewart county, Ga., in October, 1831, and in December I related the matter to Richland, a regular Baptist Church of said county, was received and baptized the next day by Eld. John W. Pellum, the pastor. If I understand, or ever had a call to preach the gospel, like my experience, its effect consists in impressions, thoughts, and feelings. In all these respects I felt strongly moved in this great matter, commencing before I was baptized, and continuing for nearly two years after, until I was overcome of them.

My mind would be engaged in the Scriptures, and exercised in, and weighted with them, in trying to ascertain their harmony, import and meaning. I was also much impressed in mind and feelings with exhortation, both to saints and sinners; could weep over the lost condition of my friends and comrades, and a world that lieth in wickedness. In my mind, at times, I would find myself preaching to, and exhorting them until I would be carried away in ecstasy. I felt concerned not only for saints, but also for a world of lost sinners, and found a gospel to proclaim to each, to all, to every creature.— I bore such impressions with a sense of "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel", until my peace departed, and I could no longer resist and be happy and enjoy life. Times were lively in

the churches, and prayer meetings were occasional, and I commenced taking part in them and talking to the people, both within and without, giving vent to my feelings, until in August, 1833, I took my first text — Luke xxiv., 46-7 — at a night meeting, to a crowded house. The brethren encouraged me; but oh, my hands were to the plow. I think I felt all the responsibilities of the work. The following November my church unanimously granted me a license to preach the gospel wherever my lot should be cast. The following May (1834), at the call of Mount Olive Church, Muscogee, now Chattahoochee county, Ga., I was ordained by a presbytery, consisting of Elders James S. Lunsford, John Ruskin, John Winzer, James Griffin, and Prescot Bush. Eld Bush was an old Revolutionary soldier. I served said church in peace and prosperity seventeen years, until I left Georgia and moved to Alabama. During my seventeen years ministry in Georgia, from 1834 until 1852, I served for a longer or shorter period, the following churches: Mt. Olive, Muscogee; Mt. Moriah, Muscogee; Ephesus, Talbot; Upatoie, Talbot; New Bethel, Marion; Sharon, Muscogee (dissolved); Pataula, Randolph; Antioch, Stewart; Harmony, Stewart; and Poplar Springs, Stewart county. During the same time. I was in turn, a member of the following Associations, viz: The Columbus in 1832-'33, when she lettered off churches in her lower bounds; which, in the following December (1833), organized the Bethel Association; I was in said organization, and so continued until 1839, when the split came on the question of the Institutions of the day, called Benevolent. I was clerk of the Association at the time, and the three preceding years. The Missionaries held a majority, and in January, 1840, organized the Harmony Association. I was one of the presbytery at the time, and at the next session, in 1841. became a member of said body, and so continued eleven years, until I left Georgia, in 1852.

My seventeen years in Georgia were the most successful years of my ministry. While I lived in Barbour county, Ala., I was connected with the Coneuch River Association in 1852, '53 and '54; when she lettered off churches, which, with others, organized the Midway Association. I was in said organization and continued, and was Moderator of most of the sessions, until January, 1868, I moved to Texas and settled in Titus, now Franklin county, and became a member of the Sulphur Fork Association, and was elected Moderator five successive sessions. I have become so feeble that I have not attended her sessions regularly for the past several years. Her bounds are in the northeast corner of the State. After coming to Texas my preaching was as well attended and received as I could

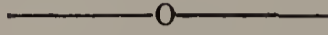
have expected, say for the first seven years, until I became too feeble longer to bear the fatigue and exposure incident to traveling and preaching abroad. Still I continue to preach some at and around home... I am now in my seventy-fourth year, am frail and tottering, retrospecting the past, and trying by faith to prospect into the far beyond, even into the spirit world, reflecting upon the nature and realities of the same, and as to what will be my condition and relations there when called to lay my armor by and put off this, my tabernacle. In this connection I can say that I see and feel nothing alarming, (for I know in whom I have believed, and that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that hour.)

Now a few words as to the outer man. Well, I was married in Stewart county, Ga., on the 7th of November, 1830, to Mrs. Louisa C. Beard, a young childless widow, whose maiden name was Candler, who still lives in tolerable good health for a person of her age. We have raised nine children, six sons and three daughters. They are all alive and have families, but two sons. My namesake, Cader A., was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., in 1863; and William A. died the 12th of last June. They have all been hopefully baptized but Cader, who died in hope. Our children, grand and great-grandchildren now number about fifty-five living souls. We commenced poor, but by a long, hard struggle, made a good living by farming. I lost my left arm from chronic white swelling, after much suffering, in 1857. It was twice amputated before the affliction was headed off. I have allowed the public to make some use of me outside of my profession in every State in which I have lived. In Stewart county, Ga., in 1851, I allowed my name run for representative, and was beaten with our whole party ticket. In Barbour county, Ala., in 1861, I was elected a representative, and re-elected in 1863, and served accordingly. Here in Texas, I was elected senator for the district composed of Titus and Red River, in 1873, and served in the sessions of the fourteenth Legislature for 1874-'75. I do not praise myself for allowing my mind, time and labors thus divided. It has at times pressed me heavily, but it is no worse than to allow ourselves to be overcharged with any other worldly cares, all of which are forbidden to the minister of Christ. I have allowed my canvasses and public services to interfere as little as possible with my ministry. At the same time, in retrospecting my back track, I can say to all gospel ministers that their holy calling, added to other duties of life, is quite enough to engage the heart and hands of any man.

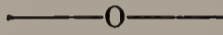
Dear brethren editors, I desired to have been shorter, but found it a hard matter. This is at your disposal. My love to you and all the saints.

C. A. PARKER.

Mt. Vernon, Tex., Nov. 15, 1883.

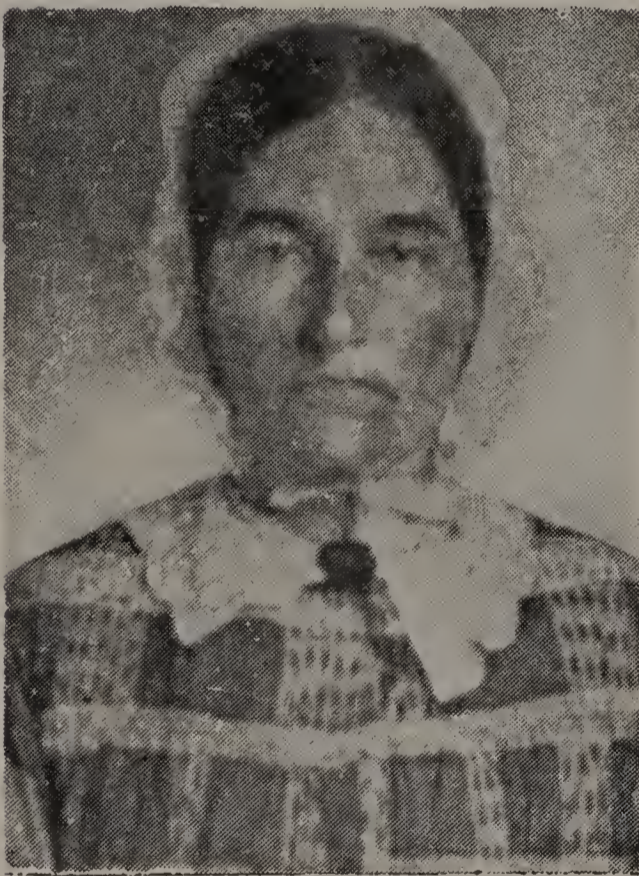


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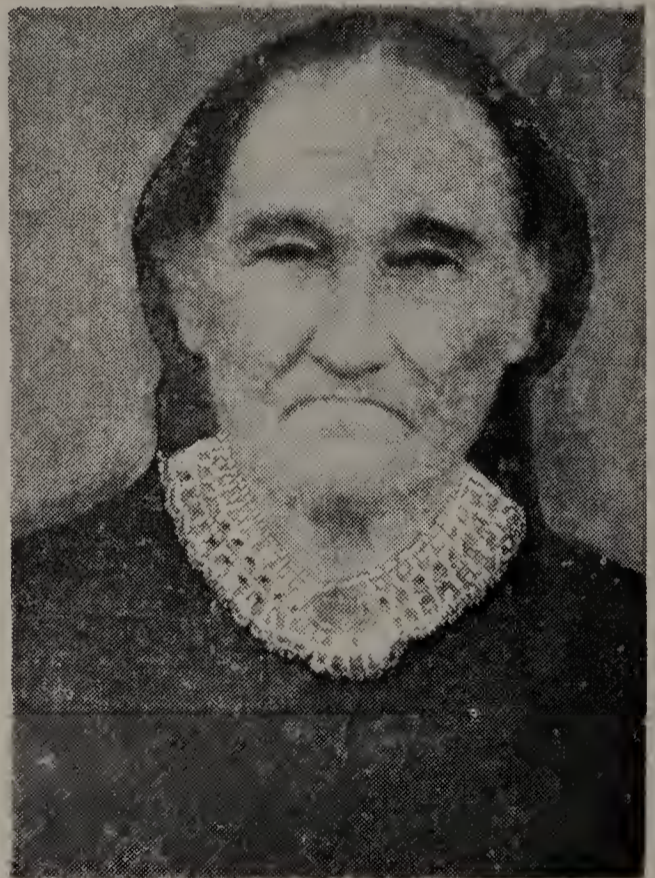


MRS. LOUISA (CANDLER) PARKER

(1804-1889)



At age 40



At age 75

Mrs. Louisa (Candler) Parker, born June 21, 1804 in Columbia Co., Ga., first child of Mark Anthony Candler and Louisa Young, first married a Mr. Beard (given name unknown) and they moved to Randolph (now Stewart) Co., Ga., where Beard died in 1829. There were no children by this marriage. As previously stated, the widow, Louisa Candler Beard, married Cader Atkins Parker Nov. 7, 1830, at Lumpkin, Ga. She died Jan. 4, 1889.

Some have surmised (without proof) that Louisa Candler was descended from Mark Antony, the Roman general of Caesar's time, or, at any rate from the Antonius family of that period. But all we know is that she was a direct descendant of Marcus (Mark) Antony (Anthony), a merchant of Genoa, Italy, in the 17th century, whose son, also named Mark Anthony, came to Kent Co., Va., in 1699.

Marcus Antony (Anthony), the Genoese merchant, emigrated from Italy to Holland. When his son, Mark Anthony, was about 17 years old, he was sent back to Italy to school. Being of an adventuresome disposition, Mark ran away from school and embarked on a trading vessel which was soon captured by Algerian pirates, and his captors sold him into slavery in Algiers. Soon after, Mark and a fellow slave were sent in chains to a forest to cut wood. Driven to desperation by the cruelty of their merciless taskmaster, they took him unawares and killed him with an axe. Concealing themselves in the forest until night, they made their way under cover of darkness to the beach where they found a small boat and rowed to a British vessel lying at anchor in the bay. Telling the captain of their capture and brutal treatment, they prevailed on him to take them on board and he concealed them in the ship's cargo until they were well out to sea. Finally they were landed at a Virginia port and the master of the vessel sold them to a farmer in New Kent County for a term of 3 years to pay for their passage.

After Mark Anthony served the 3 years with his new master, he settled on the upper James River near the site of the present city of Lynchburg and there established a mill and trading post of considerable importance.

About 1703 Mark Anthony married Isabella Hart who bore him 12 sons and one daughter, one of the sons being **Joseph Anthony**, born May 2, 1713, who married Apr. 22, 1741, **Elizabeth Clarke**, daughter of Captain Christopher Clarke. The Anthonys and Clarkes were all Quakers.

Joseph & Elizabeth (Clarke) Anthony had 15 children, the 3rd being **Elizabeth Anthony**, born Mar. 10, 1746, who married in 1760 **William Candler** of Georgia, son of Daniel Candler of Virginia. They were married in Virginia and moved to Georgia in 1762. (Virginia Magazine of History & Biography, vol. 9, pp. 328-30) The will and inventory of estate of Joseph Anthony (b. 1713, d. 1785) are of record in Henry Co., Va., Will Book 1, pp. 120, et seq. Elizabeth (Clarke) Anthony lived to be more than 100

years old.

We here delineate the ancestry of Mrs. Louisa (Candler) Parker from William Candler, Lieut. Col. in Cromwell's army. For more detailed account see Governor Allen D. Candler's COLONEL WILLIAM CANDLER OF GEORGIA, HIS ANCESTRY AND PROGENY, published 1902.

1. William Candler, Lt. Col. in Cromwell's army, born Northampton Co., England. m. Anne _____, widow of Capt. John Villiers.
2. Thomas Candler, born in Callan Castle, Kilkenny, Ireland. m. Jane, dau. of Sir Henry Tuite, Baronet of Sonagh, & Diana Mabbot, niece of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, and first cousin of her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York, mother of Queens Mary and Anne.
3. Daniel Candler, immigrant to America, died 1765 in Bedford Co., Virginia. m. Anna _____, Irish commoner, who lived 105 years.
4. William Candler, Colonel in American Revolution. (born 1736, d. 1784). m. Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth (Clarke) Anthony. (b. 1746, d. 1803).
5. Mark Anthony Candler (b. 1778, d. 1828). m. Louisa Young, died in 1814.
6. Louisa Candler (b. 1804, d. 1889). m. Cader Atkins Parker in 1830. (b. 1810, d. 1886).

Governor A. D. Candler wrote in his CANDLER genealogy, page 44, "William Candler of Georgia, was the grandson of Jane Tuite, the great grandson of Diana Mabbot, the great grandnephew of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, and fourth cousin to Queens Mary and Anne of England."

This being the case, our Louisa (Candler) Parker was sixth cousin to Queens Mary (1689-1702) and Anne (1702-1714). Louisa was a second cousin of Bishop Warren A. Candler of Georgia and of his brother, Asa G. Candler of Coca-Cola fame, and, also, second cousin of Governor Allen D. Candler of Georgia. But, for all of her noble ancestry and some immensely wealthy kindred, Louisa's father Mark Anthony Candler was in the poorest of circumstances. All the Candler's in all generations were well educated, including Louisa's father, but some of them were very poor.

It appears that Governor Candler had little information about Mark A. Candler (1778-1828) and even less concerning his first marriage. He said, page 122, "The writer does not know to whom he (Mark A.) was first married, but by this wife he had two children, John and Louisa". He reversed the order of births. Louisa was born in 1804 and John in 1807. Also, page 123, he said: "Louisa married a man named Shivers, but of her descendants the writer knows nothing". It was Elizabeth, 6th child of Col William Candler, and Louisa's aunt, who married a man named Shivers. See chart, DESCENDANTS OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL WILLIAM CANDLER OF CALLAN CASTLE, IRELAND, in back of Governor Candler's book. We know from the autobiography of Cader Atkins Parker and from the record of his marriage in Stewart Co., Ga., that Louisa Candler's first husband was Beard, and not Shivers. Furthermore, the aforementioned chart shows Louisa's father, Mark A. Candler, first married "Miss Young". Our grandfather (D. H. Parker) said her name was Louisa Young and that Louisa Candler (his mother) was named for her. That is the first time the name Louisa appears in the Candler or Anthony families. Yet, Gov. Candler said in the text of his book, p. 123, that Louisa Candler's brother John "in early life married a Miss Young of Columbia county". This may or may not be true. He could have married a cousin of the same name as that of his mother. Subsequent to publication of COLONEL WILLIAM CANDLER OF GEORGIA, HIS ANCESTRY AND PROGENY, Governor Candler had conferences with Rev. Daniel Hall Parker in which these matters were discussed and clarified, but there has been no revision of the book.

Daniel Candler (son of Thomas of Callan Castle) was certainly the first Candler to settle in America. He landed at Charleston, S.C., and went at once to North Carolina, where he stopped a while and then went on to Virginia and settled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains, near the site of the present city of Lynchburg, and lived there the rest of his life.

Though born in Ireland, Daniel Candler was of English blood (Saxon) and enjoyed all the amenities of an English gentleman, until he married into the proscribed Irish (Celtic) race. So great was the hatred of the Puritan English for the Catholic Irish that, when young Daniel married a daughter of the despised Irish race, he thus disqualified himself to hold any office, civil or military, came under the ban of social ostracism, and forfeited the friendship and sympathy of his own family. Because of this ostracism, Daniel Candler brought his wife and young family to America.

His wife's Christian name was Anna, as is shown by her husband's will, but we have no record of her surname.

For those interested in D.A.R. membership through the Candler line, we give the following:

William Candler was commissioned Captain in Royal Militia of Georgia, Apr. 12, 1773; at outbreak of the Revolution the militia was purged and reorganized and he became a Major in the revolutionary forces, and then a Lieut.-Col.; and in 1780 he was made Colonel of "the Regiment of Refugees of Richmond County," Ga. This William (son of Daniel Candler of Virginia) married, 1760, in Bedford Co., Va., Elizabeth Anthony, dau. of Joseph & Elizabeth (Clarke) Anthony; and they had 11 children, the 10th being Mark Anthony Candler, b. 1778, d. 1828.

Mark Anthony Candler (1778-1828) was twice married; first to Louisa Young of Columbia Co., Ga., who died in 1814; and next to Lucy White. There were 2 ch. by the first marriage: Louisa (b. 1804, d. 1889) and John (b. 1807, d. 1892). There were 8 ch. by second marriage.

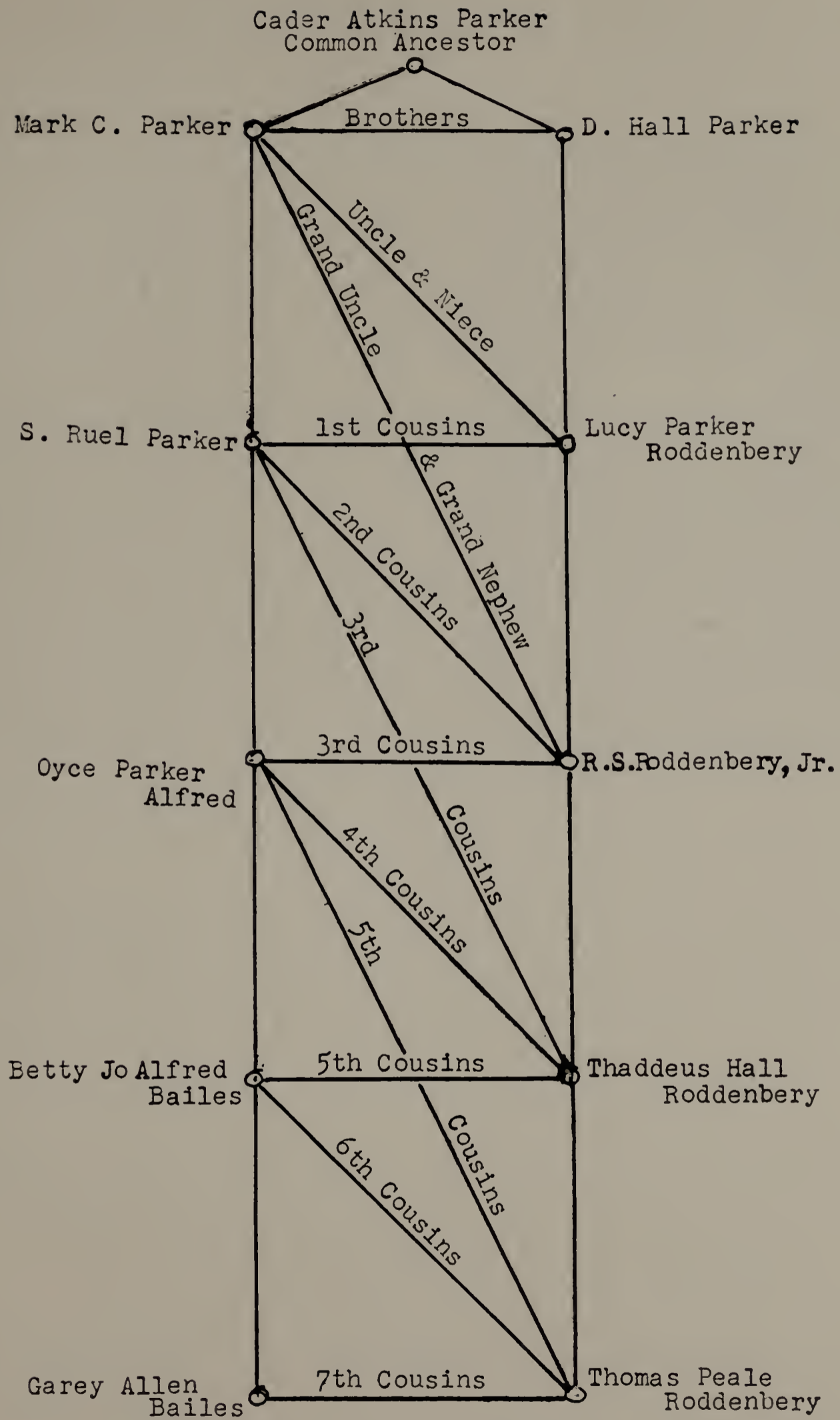
Louisa Candler, b. June 21, 1804, in Columbia Co., Ga.; m. Nov. 7, 1830, Cader A Parker in Stewart Co., Ga.; d. Jan. 4, 1889, in Franklin Co., Texas.; had 9 ch. heretofore enumerated.

The above lineage was established for D.A.R. membership, in 1912, by Mrs. Lucy (Parker) Roddenbery, NSDAR No. 91,680. In supplemental applications, Mrs. Roddenbery also established Revolutionary War lineages from John and Ica Atkins (father and son) and from Sgt. Jacob Parker. Future applicants for membership on any of these lines may make reference to this NSDAR No. 91,680.

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Descendants of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker and Louisa Candler, in chronological order by families, recorded next hereafter.

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Example for determining degrees of relationship

MRS. MISSOURI (PARKER) HELMS
(1831--1911)



Missouri Carline Parker (Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), first ch. of Cader A. & Louisa (Candler) Parker, b. Sept. 5, 1831, in Stewart Co., Ga., d. Nov. 22, 1911, at Maud in Bowie Co., Texas, at which time she was member of nearby Center Ridge church.

Like her brothers and sisters, except Louisa Ann, she was large and portly. Those who knew her say she was ever kind and considerate of others, an excellent cook and housekeeper, always "neat as a pin" in her person and with her home.

In 1846, in Stewart Co., Ga., she m. *Sampson Dawster Helms*, native of N. C., b. May 7, 1824, d. Mar. 23, 1902. We have no record of his parentage. A large and handsome man, he wore a long white beard. He was immaculate in dress and always wore a white shirt, a mark of distinction in that day and clime. He served in the Confederate States Army. (See obituary in Appendix).

In 1869 Sampson D. Helms and family moved to northeast Texas in the covered wagon train along with nearly the entire family of Eld. Cader A. Parker, and there they lived the rest of their lives.

Sampson D. & Missouri (Parker) Helms had 9 children:

1. Melissa Helms, b. June 24, 1848, d. July 17, 1848.
2. Louisa Caroline Helms, b. May 3, 1851, d. Sept. 5, 1932;
 - m. (1) Dec. 23, 1869, Marion C. White (d. 1877, no issue).
 - m. (2) ———, Jas. G. Holloway (d. in 8 mos.; no issue).
 - m. (3) February 1890, Henry Ray (2 ch.):
 - i. infant son, b. and d. Feb. 14, 1892.
 - ii. Idyl Louise Ray, b. Oct. 26, 1894; living Maud, Texas; m. Nov. 8, 1916, John Ed. Ashford, d. Apr. 12, 1954; had 2 sons. Mrs. Idyl Ray Ashford is a school teacher.

3. Teressa Abi Helms, b. May 24, 1854, d. Nov. 13, 1877;
m. Oct. 31, 1876, Benj. Frank White, who later m. Hattie Shelby, dau. of Nancy Parker & Jas. Warren Shelby.
4. Frances ("Fanny") Helms, b. Nov. 24, 1857, d. Dec. 26, 1933;
m. (1) Jan. 3, 1877, Wm. H. Sharp, bro. of R. E. Sharp; 3 ch.:
i. Dora Sharp, m. Henry Shaw.
ii. Harvey Sharp, m. Estelle Perdue.
iii. Mabel Sharp, m. John Vandergriff.
m. (2) ———, R. E. Sharp, d. soon after (no issue).
m. (3) ———, William Wyat Gay; 1 ch.:
iv. Mamie Lee Gay, m. Tom McDermott.
5. Dr. Cader Parker Helms, b. Jan. 1, 1859, d. May 27, 1927;
physician and surgeon; formerly taught school;
m. (1) May 4, 1883, May Runnels; 4 ch.:
i. May Helms, b. Oct. 20, 1885;
m. Frank Perkins (no issue).
ii. Bess Helms, b. Feb. 4, 1890; living in Texas;
m. "Arch" Ratliffe (3 ch.).
iii. Abi (Bebee) Helms, b. Dec. 12, 1891, d. July 2, 1892.
iv. Cader P. Helms, Jr., b. Dec. 29, 1898;
m. Jeryl, surname unknown to us.

m. (2) a widow Corley, nee Bessie Ball; 1 ch.:
v. Lessie Ball Helms, b. May 31, 1914;
m. ——— Engler.
6. Sallie Helms, b. Mar. 27, 1860, d. Sept. 14, 1860,
7. Charles Brooks Helms, b. Feb. 22, 1863, d. Feb. 5, 1914;
m. 1886, Emma King, dau. of Louisa Ann Parker and Thos. W. King;
10 ch., recorded hereafter, at end of this division.
8. George W. Helms, b. Apr. 17, 1864, d. Feb. 17, 1874.
9. Dr. William Lee Helms, b. Oct. 20, 1870, d. Jan. 2, 1939;
physician and surgeon;
m. Dec. 3, 1890, Beulah Knapp, b. 1872, d. 1945; 9 ch.:
i. Eva Helms, b. May 14, 1892, d. Aug 24, 1938;
m. Mar. 11, 1921, Henry H. Johnson.
ii. Carie Helms, b. May 16, 1894
m. Sept. 26, 1926, Cicero F. Patterson.
iii. George Johnson Helms, b. March 3, 1896;
m. Dec. 10, 1924, Dorcthy White.

- iv. Nora Helms, b. Sept. 27, 1898, d. Aug. 17, 1899.
- v. Lafayette Springer Helms, b. Oct. 14, 1900;
 - m. (1) Feb. 22, 1925, Jerry Chatham;
 - m. (2) Oct. 11, 1942, Louise Baughn.
- vi. Infant son, b. & d. Aug. 11, 1903.
- vii. Berneice Helms, b. June 29, 1904;
 - m. May 8, 1926, Luther O. Berry.
- viii. Artie Helms, b. Sept. 11, 1906;
 - m. May 1, 1929, Thomas B. McDonald.
- ix. Frances Helms, b. Mar. 8, 1912;
 - m. Dec. 26 1935, Alva Shavers.

Note! The task of obtaining names and vital statistics of descendants of Mrs. Missouri (Parker) Helms was more difficult than for descendants of other children of Eld. Cader A. Parker. Many names and dates recorded above are verified by records in the family Bible formerly belonging to Dr. Will Lee Helms, now in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Frances Helms Shavers of 1212 Lexington St., Taylor, Texas. Dr. Will Lee Helms and his wife are buried in the Taylor, Texas, cemetery. Sampson D. Helms and wife Missouri, Dr. Cader P. Helms, and many others of the family were buried at Maud, Texas. Many of these dates are also verified by tombstone inscriptions.

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Charles Brooks Helms (7th ch. of Missouri Parker Helms), b. Feb. 22, 1863, in Georgia, d. Feb. 5, 1914, in Texas;

m. Dec. 23, 1886, Emma King, 1st cousin, b. June 24, 1871, d. Apr. 22, 1956; a dau. of Louisa Ann Parker and Thos. W. King; had 10 ch.:

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1. Fanny Pearl Helms, b. Apr. 5, 1888; lives Killeen, Texas; m. Dec. 23, 1908, Joseph C. Morgan d. Apr. 20, 1959.

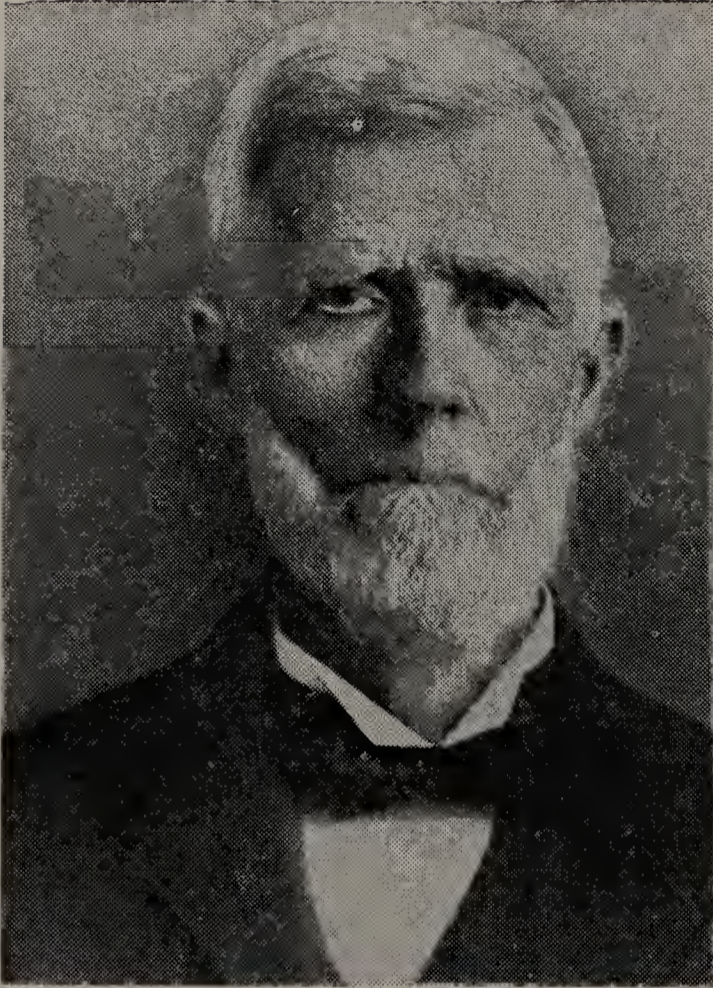
She is editor of **The Baptist Trumpet**, a Primitive Baptist paper published at Killeen. She has the personal Bible of Eld. Cader A. Parker containing in his handwriting entries of the thousands of miles he traveled in preaching and church work in Georgia, Alabama and Texas.

2. Lou Lee Helms, b. Mar. 9, 1891; living Maud, Texas; m. Dec. 23, 1909, Leroy Jerome Merritt, b. 1888, d. 1945; Ch.:
 - i. Bennie Lee Merritt, b. Sept. 28 1910; m. Jeffrey Osmond Morgan.
 - ii. Winnie Fay Merritt, b. Sept. 9, 1912; m. Clifton Clyde Rachel.

- iii. Charles James Merritt, b. Nov. 23, 1918;
m. Virginia May Bell.
 - iv. Chester Helms Merritt, b. Mar. 29, 1922;
m. Lola Inez White.
- 3. Lottie Fay Helms, b. Sept. 28, 1892; lives Ft. Worth, Tex
m. Sept. 10, 1915, Orie Dexter Monroe, b. June 5, 1891;
Ch.:
 - i. Gerald Morgan Monroe, b. Oct. 13 1919;
m. Margaret Joyce Moore.
 - ii. Doris Mildred Monroe, b. Jan. 19, 1926;
m. Richard L. Harter.
- 4. King Charles Helms, b. June 3, 1894; living Maud, Texas
m. Mar. 25, 1916, Martha Ella Foster, b. Dec. 2, 1897;
Ch.:
 - i. Wm. Lee Helms, b. Sept. 12, 1921, d. Oct. 18, 1939.
 - ii. Ludie Marie Helms, b. Oct. 6, 1926;
m. Nolan Nathaniel Rachel.
- 5. Henry Herman Helms, b. June 20, 1896; living Maud,
Texas;
m. Dec. 25, 1920, Lou Rachel, b. Jan. 24, 1897;
Ch.:
 - i. Daphne May Helms, b. Mar. 8, 1924;
m. Raymond McCoy Terral.
 - ii. Norma Lee Helms, b. Aug. 4, 1930;
m. Robert Windall Emerson.
- 6. Lucy Parker Helms, b. June 2. 1898, d. Oct. 1, 1907.
- 7. & 8. twin girls, b. and d. May 14, 1901.
- 9. Bertha Novelle Helms, b. Oct. 7, 1904; living;
m. Nov. 26, 1922, Thos. Raymond McClurg, b. 1899;
Ch.:
 - i. Emma Lou McClurg, b. Nov. 13, 1923;
m. James William Hendrix.
 - ii. Raymond Harold McCurg, b. Aug. 2, 1931;
m. Bernice Marie Johnson.
- 10. Grace Lenora Helms, b. Dec. 28, 1909; living;
m. (1) Aug. 5, 1934, Owen Vee White; divorced;
m. (2) Aug. 21, 1952, Otis Mansfield Arnold.

JOHN ICA PARKER

1833-1914



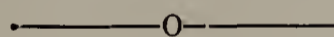
John Ica Parker (Cader Atkins, 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1) 2nd child and eldest son of Cader A and Louisa (Candler) Parker, b. Mar. 15, 1833, in Stewart Co., Ga., d. Nov. 1, 1914, in Thomasville, Ga., m. Dec. 14, 1854, Mary Lucy Swift of Muscogee Co., Ga., b. July 12, 1839, d. Dec. 25, 1904. She was dau. of Sheldon Swift, b. Feb. 2, 1816, d. Oct. 23, 1865, and Cynthia (Massey) Swift, b. July 5, 1817, d. Sept. 2, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Swift are buried in old Antioch Church cemetery near Metcalf in southern part of Thomas Co., Ga.

John I. Parker received the best elementary education the times afforded in the locality where he was reared. In early manhood he moved with his father-in-law to the southern part of Thomas Co., Ga., near the Florida state line, where his father-in-law had extensive farm holdings. John I. was engaged in farming all his life and was quite successful, accumulating a sizable estate. He was liberal in his beneficence, highly respected and influential. He was a Baptist and active in church affairs. In addition, he contributed much to the education of the youth of Thomas County, being for a number of years a member of the board of trustees of the former South Georgia Agricultural College. It was he who prevailed upon his brother D. Hall Parker to come from Texas in 1891 and accept the presidency of this junior college in Thomasville.

Soon after the Civil War, John I. Parker and family moved into Thomasville where they resided the remainder of their lives. Some of his grandchildren say his name was John *Isaac* Parker but his brother, D. H. Parker, said he was named John *Ica*, for his grandfather Ica Parker. He was known as and simply called John I. Parker.

John I. and Lucy (Swift) Parker had 4 children, as follows:

1. George Washington Parker, b. Nov. 23, 1855, d. Dec. 19, 1930; m. July 1, 1880, Annie James, b. June 19, 1857, d. Aug. 1919; Ch.:
 - i. Mary Virginia Paker, b. June 21, 1881, d. Jan. 30, 1951. m. Aug. 5, 1908, William A. McRae (3 ch., see post).
 - ii. John Calvin Parker, b. July 22, 1882, d. June 12, 1883.
 - iii. William Franklin Parker b. June 23, 1885, d. 1952; m. Feb. 1, 1916, Louise Folsom; 2 ch.:
 - (a) William Franklin Parker, Jr., b. Nov. 19, 1916.
 - (b) Annie Louise Parker, b. Jan. 31, 1923.
 - iv. Annie Balanche Parker, b. Jan. 30, 1888; lives Boston, Georgia.; m. Jan. 12, 1916, John Benjamin Manley; 1 son;
 - (a) John B. Manley, Jr., b. Apr. 1, 1918; living; graduate U. S. Military Academy; Colonel, U. S. A. retired; veteran World War, II.; unmarried.
2. John Franklin Parker, b. July 15, 1859, d. Feb. 13, 1931; m. Jan. 2, 1884, Eleanor Coyle Mebane (4ch., see post).
3. Cadar Sheldon Parker, b. June 17, 1861, d. Oct. 29, 1929; m. Aug 31, 1903, Sarah Elizabeth Heard (no issue).
4. Warren Hall Parker, b. June 10, 1868, d. Jan. 16, 1937; m. Alice May Dawson, d. Sept. 14, 1914 (no issue).



1. *George Washington Parker* (John I., 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), son of John I. and Lucy (Swift) Parker, was b. Nov. 23, 1855, d. Dec. 19, 1930; engaged in farming all his life, he had considerable lands in southeastern Thomas Co., Ga. He was a mild mannered man, highly respected, and followed the even tenor of his way. July 1, 1880, he m. Annie James with whom he lived 39 years, until her death in 1919. They had 4 children, heretofore enumerated. Children of Frank and Blanche (3rd and 4th ch. of Geo. W. and Annie James Parker) have been enumerated above.

Mary Virginia Parker (called Mamie), 1st born of Geo. W. and Annie (James) Parker, m. Aug. 5, 1908, William Allan McRae who d. July 21, 1942. He was Circuit Court Clerk of Jackson Co., Fla., a number of years and was Commissioner of Agriculture for State of Florida 12 years. Mrs. Mamie (Parker) McRae d. Jan. 30, 1951. They had 3 ch, as follows:

- i. William Allan McRae, Jr., b. Sept. 25, 1909, Marianna, Fla., now practicing law in Bartow, Fla.;
 - m. Aug. 29, 1942, Aline Virginia Dearing; 3 ch.:
 - (a) Aline Virginia McRae, b. Oct. 11, 1943.
 - (b) William Allan McRae, III, b. Apr. 9, 1946.
 - (c) Dearing McRae, b. March 30, 1948.
- ii. Ralph Jas. McRae, b. July 23, 1912, living; unmarried.
- iii. Roy Parker McRae, b. July 23, 1912, living;
 - m. 1941, Elizabeth Ball of Jacksonville, Fla.
 (We were unable to obtain other data about the twins Ralph and Roy).

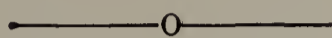
William A. McRae, Jr., (called "Bill") attended University of Florida (1927-'33) where he played varsity football in 1928, '29 and '30 and was valedictorian of the class of 1932; awarded A. B. degree in 1932 and Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1933. He helped defray expenses at college by waiting tables in mess hall and as Student Librarian of the Law College. He is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity (chapter President in 1931), a Phi Beta Kapa, and member of several scholastic and professional fraternities.

He was granted a Rhodes Scholarship (1933-36) at Oxford University, England, where he was awarded the B. A. degree in Jurisprudence in 1935, and B. Litt. and M. A. degrees in 1936.

During World War, II, Wm. A. McRae, Jr., was successively 1st Lieut., Captain, Major; Lt. Col., and Colonel AAF., Hq., Washington, D. C., as personal adviser to General of the Army H. H. Arnold, and represented him personally at the organizational meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco. As personal adviser to General Arnold, he accompanied him on most major conferences during the War, including Quebec, Casa Blanca, Malta, Yalta, Cairo and Teheran. (General Arnold did not go to Yalta but McRae was presented as his representative.) Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, one or the other, was present at most of these conferences. Also, Wm. A. McRae, Jr., was the first chairman of the Atomic Energy Group in the Department of State.

In the interval between graduation at Oxford and entering military service, "Bill" McRae practiced law at Jacksonville, Fla., and was professor of law of U. of Fla., 1940-'41. After the War, since 1946, he has been a member of the law firm of Holland, Bevis,

McRae and Smith. Bartow, Fla., the senior member of that firm being U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland. He is a member of the Episcopal church, Rotary International (Bartow), American Bar Association, Florida Bar Association (President thereof 1952-'53), Judicial Council of Florida, and other societies, commissions etc.



2. *John Franklin Parker* (John Ica, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), 2nd ch. of John I. and Lucy (Swift) Parker, b. July 15, 1859, d. Feb. 13 1931, in Thomasville, Ga. He was engaged in the general insurance business and for many years was Treasurer of Thomas County, Ga. An upright man all his life, he was respected and beloved by all. Married to Eleanor Coyle Mebane Jan. 2, 1884, they had 3 daughters and 1 son. His wife was b. May 14, 1862, and d. June 4, 1939. Both buried in Thomasville.

Ch.:

- i. Lucy Eleanor Parker, b. May 8, 1885; living; m. June 16, 1909, Dr. Wm. Ledford Logan.
(We have no statistics regarding their children).
- ii. John William Parker, b. Apr. 16, 1886, d Dec. 12, 1946. For several years he was cashier of the largest bank in Albany Ga., after which he was in real estate and insurance business.
m. June 6, 1906, Irwin Baggs of Camilla, Ga., b. Apr. 1 1886; yet living in Albany, Ga.; had 6 ch;
1 d. an infant. See page 140.

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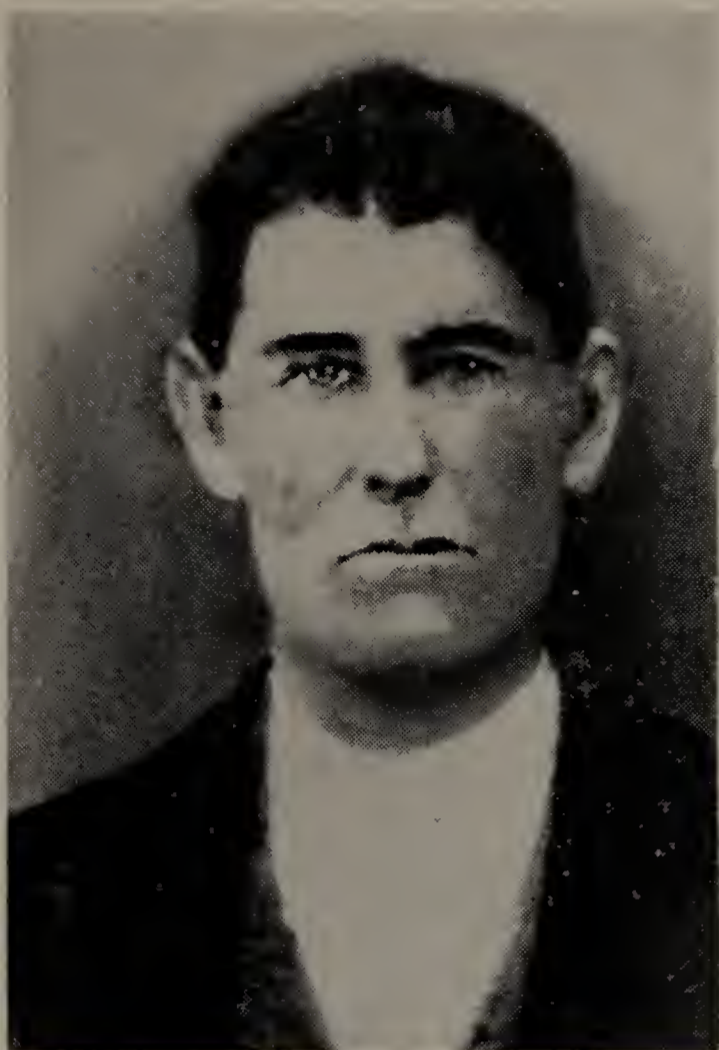
- (a) Eleanor Parker, b. July 24, 1907; lives Richmond, Va. m. Feb. 23, 1938, Thomas E. Sheppard.
(Eleanor Parker Sheppard is the first and only woman ever elected a member of the city council of Richmond. She has been so elected 3 times and now holds that important office.) They have 2 dau.'s: Edith Logan Sheppard, b. Nov. 7, 1937, and Sara Irwin Sheppard, b. Sept. 20, 1941.
- (b) John Charles Parker, b. Jan. 2, 1911; m. Oct. 5, 1946, Ruth Hardee (Ch. unknown to us.).
- (c) Chandler Twitty Parker, (called Chan), b. Nov. 30, 1912; lives Camilla, Ga.; m. June 6, 1936, Brantley Collins.

- (d) Mary Lucy Parker, b. Aug. 31, 1914; lives Milwaukee, Wis.;
m. Feb. 26, 1939, Robert S. Crichton
- (e) William Irwin Parker, b. May 26, 1918; lives Albany, Ga.;
m. Feb. 12, 1943, Helen Duvernet
- iii. Elizabeth Cardwell Parker (called Bess), b. Mar. 2, 1888; lives Kissimmee, Florida;
m. June 15, 1910, Daniel Leroy Autrey, b. Feb. 25, 1886;
Ch.:
- (a) Eleanor Rebecca Autrey, b. Oct. 16, 1911.
 - (b) Elizabeth Parker Autrey, b. Jan. 25, 1913.
 - (c) Constance Autrey, b. Nov. 6, 1914.
 - (d) Katharine Autrey, b. Oct. 22, 1916.
 - (e) Sarah Autrey, b. March 23, 1919.
 - (f) Daniel Leroy Autrey, Jr., b. Apr. 25, 1921.
 - (g) Jean Parker Autrey, b. Feb. 13, 1924.
- (Marital status of above children unknown to us)
- iv. Alice Parker, b. July 25, 1893; living Thomasville, Ga.;
m. July 23, 1914, Leo Joseph, b. 1886, d. Jan. 19, 1920;
Ch.:
- (a) Frances Eleanor Joseph, b. July 19, 1916;
m. June 8, 1940, Lathrop Boulineau Craig.

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End of enumeration of descendants of John Ica Parker.

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MARK CANDLER PARKER
1835-1904



JOANNA DORCAS THIGPEN
1835-1922

Eld. Mark Candler Parker, C. S. A. (Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), son of Eld. Cader A. and Louisa (Candler) Parker, b. Mar. 18, 1835, Muscogee (now Chattahoochee) Co., Ga., d. May 4, 1904, Haynesville, La.; occupation Primitive Baptist preacher and farmer. See Appendix.

m. Nov. 23, 1854. Joanna Dorcas Thigpen in Barbour Co., Ala., b. Dec. 22, 1835, d. Dec. 27, 1922; dau. of Eld. Joseph and Clary (Eason) Thigpen. Eld. Joseph Thigpen, son of John and Dorcas Thigpen, was b. Dec. 26, 1799, m. Aug. 8, 1819, Clary Eason (b. 1796, d. 1880,); ordained to ministry June 28, 1851; d. in Alabama; wife survived and d. in Louisiana.

The BIOGRAPHY OF MARK CANDLER PARKER by his granddaughter Oyce Parker Alfred, published 1957, names over 500 of his descendants and contains pictures of 10 of his children and accounts of their lives. Because Mrs. Alfred has done such a thorough and splendid work, we here content ourselves with an enumeration of the 13 children and 67 grandchildren of Eld. Mark Candler Parker. Here they are:

1. Brythal Cornelius Parker, b. Feb. 3, 1856, d. Oct. 21, 1944; m. Jan. 26, 1879, Sarepta Thomas, b. Nov. 2, 1858, d. Oct. 27, 1930. Had 10 Ch.:
 - i. William Candler Parker, b. May 12, 1880, d. July 23, 1946; m. July 9, 1902, Eula V. Scoggins.
 - ii. Hendrix Hardy Parker, b. July 11, 1881, d. Mar. 19, 1956; never married.
 - iii. Telitha Elizabeth Parker, b. Aug. 16, 1882; living; m. Mar. 29, 1906, John Guster DeSpain.
 - iv. Ruth Irene Parker, b. Mar. 7, 1884, living; m. Sept. 10, 1908, James Homer Hulme.
 - v. Joanna Parker, b. Aug. 28, 1885, living; m. Nov. 30, 1909, Fred Smith Kemp.
 - vi. Brythal Plemon Parker, b. Apr. 28, 1887, d. Aug. 13, 1955; never married.
 - vii. Ethel Sarapta Parker, b. Jan. 30, 1889, living; m. Nov. 15, 1910, John W. Sweeney.
 - viii. Edw. Reece Parker, b. Sept. 11, 1890, d. Feb. 5, 1919; buried Nat'l. Cemetery, St. Michael, France; never married.
 - ix. Grayson Texas Parker, b. Dec. 10, 1893, living; m. (1) Dec. 28, 1925, W. F. Werline; m. (2) June 20, 1945, Samuel Abbate.
 - x. Lydia Jane Parker, b. May 4, 1898, d. Nov. 14, 1925; m. Feb. 2, 1923, Aaron Drumright, Sr.

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2. Cader Atkins Parker, ^{II}~~III~~, b. Nov. 18, 1857, d. Mar. 14, 1942; m. (1) Sept. 3, 1876, Mary Alice Baucum, b. Mar. 28, 1861, d. Jan. 16, 1916; had 13 children.
m. (2) Aug. 1917, Mrs. Jerusha (Warden) Wilson, widow; no issue.

Ch. by Mary Alice Baucum:

- i. Thomas Claud Parker, b. July 23, 1877, d. Apr. 1 1956; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1901, Lena Lou Morgan; m. (2) Mar. 18, 1911, Florence Lucele Wisdom; m. (3) July 10, 1920, Lula Mal. Evern; m. (4) Dec. 25, 1944, Jennie Marie Roy;

- ii. Mary Jessie Parker, b. Sept. 13, 1879;
m. Dec. 29, 1901, George Lafayette Morgan.
 - iii. Martha Elizabeth Parker, b. Dec. 6, 1881;
m. June 7, 1903, Granville Isaiah Little.
 - iv. Joanna Bonita Parker, b. Nov. 19, 1883, living;
m. (1) Dec. 24, 1905, Willie Barnett Ball;
m. (2) June 26, 1952, Zollie Coffey Dawson.
 - v. Mark Candler Parker, II., b. Feb. 11, 1886, d. Jan. 12,
1918; m. Sept. 27, 1903, Mary Ann Whisenhunt.
 - vi. John Shelby Parker, b. Jan. 4, 1888, d. May 15, 1943;
m. Apr. 27, 1920, Ethel M. Furr.
 - vii. Ford Bonham Parker, b. Jan. 20, 1890, d. Jan. 6-1956;
m. (1) Aug. 10, 1913, Mattie Ruth Stone;
m. (2) Jan. 18, 1923, Kate Artiberry;
m. (3) Feb. 28, 1930, Mary Elizabeth Davis.
 - viii. Nettie Lou Parker, b. Jan. 29, 1892; living;
m. Jan. 31, 1909, Everet Anderson Lawson.
 - ix. William Cader Parker, b. Apr. 4, 1894, d. Mar. 1950;
m. May 28, 1917, Mary Lois Sawyers.
 - x. Julia Ann Parker, b. Oct. 7, 1897, Aug. 12, 1899.
 - xi. Franklin Spencer Parker, b. Nov. 13, 1898, living;
m. June 3, 1921, Minnie Alice Maddox.
 - xii. Joseph Carl Parker, b. July 10, 1901; living;
m. Aug. 4, 1928, Margie Lee Young.
 - xiii. Dyter Irl Parker, b. Nov. 24, 1903, d. Nov. 28, 1903.
3. Stephen Pope Parker, II. (named for his uncle), b. Jan. 12,
1860 in Claiborne Parish, La., d. Dec. 30, 1929, Van
Alstyne, Texas;
- m. Sept 18, 1878, Josephine Smith, b. May 29, 1858, d. June
1934. Had 12 Ch.:
 - i. Edgar Webb Parker, b. Feb. 1, 1880, d. June 1, 1881.
 - ii. Otta Parker, b. Nov. 17, 1881, d. 1882.
 - iii. Cornelius Pope Parker, b. Oct. 15, 1883, d. Oct, 1938;
m. Aug. 21, 1904, Mamie Barbara Morris.

- iv. Lou Willie Parker, b. Sept. 17, 1885, d. 1887.
 - v. Franklin Wise Parker, b. Mar. 1, 1887, d. Nov. 18, 1918; m. Oct. 21, 1911, Bertha Jimmie Raper.
 - vi. Marion Chester Parker, b. Feb. 26, 1889, d. Oct. 20, 1918; m. Dec. 26, 1909, Mary Naomi Sweeney.
 - vii. Arthur Burnard Parker, b. May 18, 1891, d. Aug. 17, 1929; m. June 6, 1914, Enid Leah Henson.
 - viii. Nettie May Parker, b. Jan. 26, 1893, living; m. Mar. 19, 1911, Vernon McKinney Sweeney.
 - ix. Joe Bailey Parker, b. Jan. 23, 1895, living; m. (1) Aug. 24, 1915, Florence McDonald; m. (2) Oct. 23, 1946, Wanda Pearl Gassoway.
 - x. Josephine Gertrude Parker, b. Dec. 23, 1896, living; m. Aug. 9, 1914, Lester Paul Baker.
 - xi. Unnamed infant son, died Van Alstyne, Texas.
 - xii. Guy Clifton Parker, b. Dec. 23, 1901, living; m. (1) Oct. 10, 1919, Loraine Edens; m. (2) June 10, 1944, Mildred R. Beister.
4. Virginia Caroline Candler Parker, b. 1833, d. 1865.
5. Joanna Thigpen Parker, twin, b. Feb. 11, 1866, d. Jan. 10-1951; m. (1) Aug. 30, 1885, John Wilkes Curry, b. 1855, d. 1893. m. (2) Nov. 11, 1906, Edw. F. Evers, (no issue);
- Evers was previously married to Clara Louisa Parker, No 9 ante, sister of Joanna Thigpen Parker.
- i. Tupsie Cornelia Curry, b. Sept. 28, 1886, living; m. Dec. 25, 1907, Albert R. Goree.
 - ii. Lonnie Parker Curry, female, b. Mar. 19, 1888, living; m. Mar. 22, 1908, John Milton Johnson.
 - iii. John Ruel Curry, b. Nov. 20, 1889, living; m. Nov. 20, 1910, Cordie Elizabeth McDonald.
 - iv. Henry Ford Curry, b. Mar. 25, 1892, living; m. Sept. 11, 1910, Eula Elizabeth Dennis.
6. Josephine Mariar Parker, twin, b. Feb. 11, 1866, d. Sept. 11, 1867.
7. Nancy Aby Parker, twin, b. Mar. 29, 1868, d. Oct. 21, 1943; m. Sept. 30, 1886, Washington Lafayette Markins, b. 1359, d. 1940.

8 Ch.:

- i. Haney Elizabeth Harkins, b. June 22, 1888, living;
m. Oct 17, 1909, George Marion Sweeney.
- ii. Earl Harkins, b. Feb. 5, 1890, d. Nov. 2 1890.
- iii. Rosa Lee Harkins, b. Mar. 14, 1892, d. Sept. 6, 1892.
- iv. Authur Lafayette Harkins, b. Apr. 16 1894, living;
m. Apr. 21, 1921, Velma Clay Nipp.
- v. Isaac Parker Harkins, b. Feb. 20, 1896, d. Nov. 8-1896.
- vi. Nellie Bly Harkins, b. Mar. 8, 1898, living;
m. Nov. 11, 1916, Grady Arnspiger.
- vii. James Hugh Harkins, b. Dec. 26, 1901, d. June 4-1902.
- viii. Dassye Olyne Harkins, b. Oct. 9, 1905, living;
m. May 20, 1950, Dr. Donald D. Chapman.

8. Antoinette Fannin Parker, twin, b. Mar. 29, 1868, d. Nov. 14, 1944;

m. Jan. 12, 1888, Asbury Charles Camp. b. 1861, d. 1923; 6 ch;

- i. Joseph Vernon Camp, b. Oct. 10, 1890, living;
m. May 2, 1917, Miss Ernie Lee Ruple.
- ii. Era May Camp, b. May 27, 1892, living;
m. (1) Dec. 18. 1910, Thomas Grady Seegers;
m. (2) Feb. 7, 1937, Dayton B. Kilpatrick.
- iii. Exa Abi Camp, b. June 9, 1895, d. June 10, 1896.
- iv. Byron Poe Camp, b. Oct. 25, 1896, d. Oct. 10, 1937,
- v. Ethel Otis Camp, b. Sept. 5, 1898, living, single.
- vi. Ivan Oto Camp, b. Dec. 21, 1905, living;
m. Mar 21, 1929, Aline Reeder.

9. Clara Louisa Parker, b. Feb. 25, 1870, d. July 22, 1905;

m. Dec. 4, 1890, Edw. F. Evers, b. Oct. 1, 1867, d. Feb. 15-1930

Evers later married Joanna Thigpen Parker, No 5 supra.

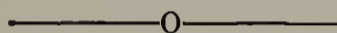
5 ch. of Clara Louisa Parker:

- i. Olan Ray Evers, b. Dec. 10, 1891, living;
m. Dec. 25, 1910, Sallie Eunice Phillips.
- ii. Franklin Rue Evers, b. Apr. 18, 1894, living;
m. Jan. 1, 1917, Ellie Freeman.
- iii. Brythal Clyde Evers, b. July 6, 1896, living;
m. Sept. 27, 1914, Edna Estelle Bond.
- iv. Jewel Dee Evers, b. Aug. 22, 1901, d. Sept. 11, 1944;
m. July 15, 1920, John Wesley Webb.
- v. Dayton Evers, b, Dec. 11, 1903, d. May 27, 1905.

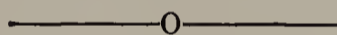
10. Mark Eason Parker, b. Oct. 13, 1871, d. Aug. 13, 1940;
m. Oct. 30, 1892, Laura Ion Baucum, b. July, 25, 1874, d. Mar
5, 1957; had 7 Ch.:
- i. Essie Mae Parker, b. Aug. 14, 1893, d. July 19, 1894.
 - ii. Pearl Cornelia Parker, b. Feb. 6, 1895, living;
m. Apr. 24, 1919, Roam Lester Lewis.
 - iii. Lester Pue Parker, b. Mar. 27, 1898, living;
m. June 27, 1921, Blanche Lucille Lewis.
 - iv. Mary Jane Parker, b. Jan. 8, 1900, living;
m. June 24, 1920, Herman Eugene Parker
(no blood relation).
 - v. Howard Baucum Parker, Sr., b. July 6, 1903, living;
m. Dec. 28, 1925, Dorothy Mildred Brown.
 - vi. Mattie Laura Parker, b. Apr. 21, 1906, d. Apr. 22, 1954
m. Mar. 24, 1938, John S. Cates.
 - vii. Merrell Curtis Parker, b. Feb. 25, 1911, living;
m. Feb. 25, 1938, Nellie Mae Winborn.
11. Joseph Hall Parker, b. Aug 14, 1873, d. Aug. 1, 1924 no issue;
m. Aug. 3, 1899, Ella May Baucum, b. Nov. 30, 1875, living.
12. Seth Ruel Parker, b. Mar. 26, 1876, d. Nov. 4, 1944 (12ch.);
m.(1) Jan. 8, 1905, Onie McDonald, b. Dec. 27, 1881, d. Mar.
7, 1922;
m.(2) Oct. 22, 1922, Alberta Rain, b. 1882, living (no issue).
- Ch. by Onie McDonald:
- i. Ovid Vere Parker, b. June 9, 1906, living;
m.(1) Nov. 4, 1930, Thelma Clotiel Watson;
m.(2) Nov. 18, 1942, Jessie Knoxie Meeks.
 - ii. Oyce Omega Parker, b. July 21, 1907; lives Shreveport,
m. June 16, 1928, Oscar Dewey Alfred. (see post).
 - iii. Joseph Arnold Parker, b. July 31, 1908, d. Apr. 5-1952;
m.(1) 1932, Fannie Belle Johnson;
m.(2) Dec. 23, 1942, Lorene Oswald Blue.
 - iv. Mattie Clarice Parker, b. Sept. 21, 1909, living;
m. Sept. 5, 1931, Harvey Benoye Ratcliffe.
 - v. Joanna Vivian Parker, b. Jan. 12, 1911, living;
m. July 3, 1946, Max L. Parrott.
 - vi. Mark Candler Parker, III., b. Sept. 5, 1912, living;
m. May 30, 1936, Louise Virginia Wright.

- vii. Billy McDonald Parker, b. Sept. 21, 1913, living;
m.(1) Dec. 19, 1942, Virginia Jeanette Connell;
m.(2) Aug. 2, 1952, Lucille Carter Mays.
- viii. Nettie Jane Parker, b. Nov. 28, 1914, living.
m. June 23, 1934, George Benjamin Organ.
- ix. Esta Mae Parker, b. July 7, 1916, living;
m. Oct 9, 1937, Henry Frank Gill.
- x. Novice Gaye Parker, b. Sept. 13, 1917, living;
m. June 23, 1945, Francis David Martin.
- xi. Dorothy Marie Parker, b. Sept. 28, 1919, living;
m. Mar. 26, 1938, Otto Edward Bolten.
- xii. Helen Levoyse Parker, b. Mar. 5, 1922, d. Mar. 5, 1922.

13. Missouri Bertha Parker, b. June 29, 1878, d. Sept. 3, 1879.



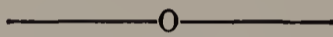
Of the 10 children of Eld. Mark C. Parker who reached maturity, 7 were Primitive Baptists, 2 (Stephen and Eason) were Missionary Baptists, and 1 (Seth) was Methodist. All sons and sons-in-law were farmers; some had dual occupations. All were highly esteemed, industrious, upright and God fearing, and they left honored "footprints on the sands of time".



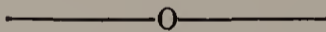
Oyce Parker (Seth R., 5; Mark C., 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob 1), dau. of Seth Ruel and Onie (McDonald) Parker; b. July 21, 1907, m. June 16, 1928, Oscar Dewey Alfred, b. Nov. 21, 1897. They live in Shreveport, La., where he is a banker; both Baptists. As before stated, she published the biography of her grandfather Mark Candler Parker in which she named 388 of his children, grand and great grandchildren; the most prolific branch of the family of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker. Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Alfred are :



1. Betty Jo Alfred, b. May 24, 1931;
m. June 8, 1951, Jas. Vance Bailes, b. May 23, 1929:
 - i. Vance Richard Bailes, b. Mar. 9, 1953.
 - ii. Stephen Duane Bailes; b. Oct. 23, 1955.
 - iii. Garey Allen Bailes, b. Feb. 14, 1958.
2. Mary Audrey Alfred, b. May 2, 1933;
m. June 2, 1952, Theodore Edgar Haynes, b. Oct. 15, 1929;
 - i. David Edgar Haynes, b. June 19, 1954.
 - ii. Linda Dianne Haynes, b. Aug. 10, 1956.
3. Seth Richard Alfred, b. Sept. 7, 1935;
m. May 4, 1957, Marilyn Irene Van Schaick.
4. Gerald Alfred (twin), b. March 22, 1939.
m. May 12, 1959, Penny Horton.
5. Geraldine Alfred (twin), b. Mar. 22, 1939, d. 1941.



This ends our account of descendants of Eld. Mark C. Parker.

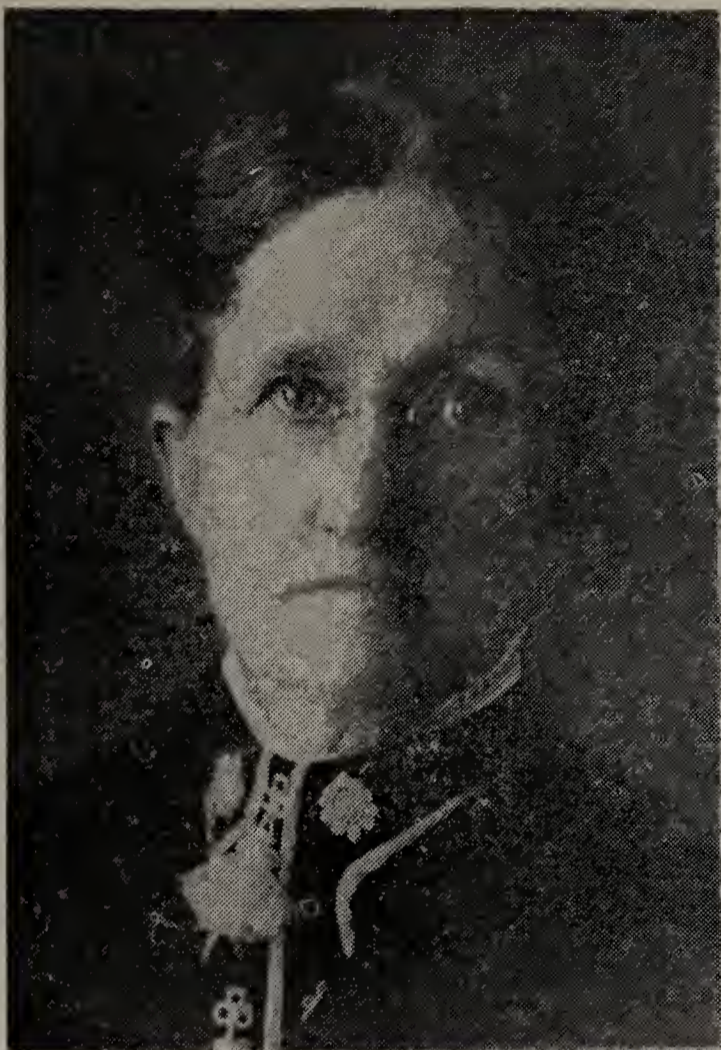


NANCY (PARKER) SHELBY
1837—1917

Nancy Eliz. Parker (Cader A 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), dau. of Cader A. and Louisa (Candler) Parker, was born Mar. 14, 1837 in Muscogee Co., Ga.; d. Dec. 13, 1917 at Mt. Vernon, Texas;

m. Dec. 24, 1854 in Barbour Co., Ala., *Jas. Warren Shelby*, b. Mar. 2, 1830, d. Sept. 26, 1896; both buried Providence Primitive Baptist Cemetery near Mt. Vernon.

Moses and Harriet Shelby natives of N. C., were parents of *Jas. Warren Shelby* (called Warren). Family Bible records show Moses Shelby born in 1795. His wife's maiden name not recorded. They moved to Coweta Co., Ga., where James Warren was born in 1830. Subsequently they moved to Barbour Co., Ala., where Moses and Harriet died.



At outbreak of War Between the States, J. Warren Shelby hired a substitute (then permitted) to be a soldier in his stead. Shelby remained at home and, with his father-in-law, cultivated the plantation (with slave labor) and cared for the women and children of the community. The last year of the war Shelby and others went to the coast, at Mobile, and made salt for the Confederate army. After the war Shelby's substitute came riding home on a horse, unscathed by his participation in the war.

In 1869 Nancy Parker and husband moved, with her father's family, from Alabama to Texas and settled in Titus county on land no better than they had left. If they had gone 75 miles farther they would have reached the rich black lands. They cleared new lands, built new houses and tilled the soil. None of them became well-to-do but they made a good living and were happy to be far removed ^{from} Negroes and carpetbaggers. In ante bellum days in Alabama Cader A. Parker was a slave owner and Nancy had her own Negro girl to do her bidding. In Texas the families did all their own work and were selfsustaining in every respect. But

Nancy (as the others) never complained of her work or her lot. They raised and processed all their food, and spun and wove and made their clothes by hand. They had no sewing machines. These incidents in their lives were related to us by Mrs. Lillie (Shelby) Lawrence-Walker, aged 83, last living child of Warren and Nancy (Parker) Shelby. She lives in Longview, Texas, possessor of a comfortable estate.

J. Warren Shelby had little formal education but was well-read, a great conversationalist, and consistently studied the Bible. He was deeply impressed to become a preacher but fought against it. He was never ordained but in his latter years he did preach a few times in Providence Primitive Baptist Church near Mt. Vernon. He and his father-in-law held regular prayer meetings at his home and enjoyed discussing the Bible and religious topics, but Shelby could never subscribe to the absolute doctrine of "predestination". He was a farmer all his life, never acquired much of this world's goods, but his family lived well and he managed to provide his children with good schooling.

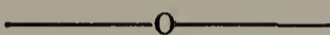
Mrs. Nancy Parker Shelby was a large, not corpulent, handsome woman, refined and dignified, immaculate in her person and house-keeping. She was a most faithful wife and mothered 10 children, 9 living to ripe ages. She was especially good to her younger brothers and sister and they most fond of her. Except when ministering to neighboring sick and poor, she was always at home. Neighbors called her "Aunt Shelby". Her husband said: "There are just two times when I want my wife at home; when I am there and when I'm away". Her daughter, Lillie, says: "She seemed as established as the house." Both she and her husband were strict in the discipline of their children. She survived her husband 21 years and died at the age of 80 years and 9 months. Her father and mother spent their last years in her home and there died. The 10 children of J. Warren and Nancy (Parker) Shelby were:

1. Louisa Ann Shelby, b. Oct. 12, 1855, d. June 13, 1930;
m. Nov. 4, 1875, Augustus William Oliver, d. 1914:
Ch.:
 - i. Lou Abi Oliver, b. Sept. 15, 1876; d. 1956;
m. Jan. 16, 1900, Derrell J. Bryant.
 - ii. Marcus Oliver, b. Apr. 18, 1879, d. 1917;
m. Mar. 14, 1902, Lessie Black.

- iii. Stella Oliver (twin), b. Apr. 3, 1883;
m. July 22, 1903, Robert Ernest Cox.
 - iv. Della Oliver (twin), b. Apr. 3, 1883;
m. Dec. 28, 1909, Archie Warren Fuquay.
2. Moses Frank. Shelby, b. Aug. 21, 1857, d. 1940 in Oklohoma;
m. 1884, Effie Beatrice Taylor, b. 1866, d. 1937:
Ch.:
- i. Aubrey Aston Shelby, b. 1885, d. 1947;
m. 1907, Della Eckes.
 - ii. Malcom Franklin Shelby, b. 1887, d. 1943;
m.(1) 1907, Aileen Bonner (divorced).
m.(2) 1920, Elizabeth Peyton Skillern.
 - iii. Ima Shelby, b. 1888; *living in 1961.*
m. 1906, Alan Johnston Kutner, d. 1936.
 - iv. Atha Shelby, b. 1890;
m. 1909, Edgar Roscoe DeWeese, d. 1946.
 - v. Bressie Mae Shelby, b. 1894;
m. 1916, Eppie Johnston Glover.
 - vi. Horace Glen Shelby, b. 1897, d. 1945;
m.(1) 1921, Rolena White (divorced).
m.(2) 1940, Marion Cooke, d. 1955.
3. Harriett Eliz. Shelby, b. Nov. 9, 1859, d. Dec. 10, 1910;
m. 1878, Benj. Franklin White, b. 1851, d. 1930:
Ch.:
- i. Benjamin Birtie White, b. Aug. 26, 1879;
m. Ella Fare Dozier.
 - ii. Louis Howard White, b. Mar. 13, 1881;
m. *Annie Hightower.*
 - iii. Franklin Shelby White, b. Jan. 5, 1883, d. 1942;
m. 1904, Sally Askew.
 - iv. Cader Sheiton White, b. Mar. 11 1885, d. 1888;
 - v. Hattie Oneal White, b. Mar. 1, 1887, d. 1911;
m. 1906, Felder Attaway.
 - vi. River Nile White, b. Mar. 1, 1889, d. 1917;
m. Mar. 12, 1905, Carey Dawson Allen.
 - vii. Nellie Blye White, b. Apr. 1, 1891, d. 1925;
m. ————— Holbert.
 - viii. Nancy Missouri White, b. Apr. 22, 1893;
m. Tom Hurn.
 - ix. Dodson White, b. 1895, d. 1897.

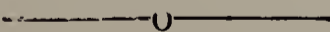
4. Cader Atkins Shelby, b. Mar. 23, 1862, d. Apr. 28, 1931;
m. 1887, Mary Pink Caudle, b. Mar. 14, 1867:
Ch.:
- i. Virginia Dare Shelby, b. Dec. 4, 1888, d. 1909.
 - ii. Dixie Amanda Shelby b. Dec. 5, ~~1900~~¹⁸⁹⁰; living;
m. May 1, 1910, Wm. Henry Julian (1 son, 2 dau.).
 - iii. Cader Lex Shelby, b. Oct. 17, 1892, d. Nov. 10, 1955;
m. July 8, 1920, Mary Conrad (see post).
 - iv. Chas. Atkins Shelby, b. Apr. 7, 1895; d. June 1958;
m.(1) Terzah Goodnight, d. 1942; a son:
Cader Alverd Shelby.
m.(2) Luella McCreight (no issue.)
(See "Example in Citizenship" in Appendix)
 - v. Warren Hall Shelby, b. Apr. 24, 1897, d. Oct. 16, 1943;
m. Etiose Lawrence (1 son, 1 dau.).
 - vi. Mary Pink Shelby, b. Oct. 10, 1899, d. Dec. 9, 1955;
m. Mernice E. Irby (2 sons).
 - vii. Llewellyn Shelby, b. Sept. 30, 1902; living;
m. Reginald N. Eddleman (1 dau.).
5. Missouri Caroline Shelby, b. July 23, 1864, d. July 19 1888;
m. July 14, 1886, John W. Prather.
6. Jas. Warren Shelby, Jr., b. May 27, 1870, d. 1949;
m. 1890, Ida. Talley.
7. Nancy Colon Shelby, b. Nov. 17, 1870, d. 1931;
m.(1) 1888, John Morgan, d. 1901 (5 children).
m.(2) 1902, Tom Barrett, (2 children).
See page 140.
8. Wilson Bertram Shelby, b. May 8, 1873; d. Dec. 1, 1921;
m. Oct. 6, 1901, Mary Mossie Attaway, b. May 8, 1878, dau.
of Benj. Frank. and Laura (Neal) Attaway of Campbell
Co., Georgia.
Ch.:
- i. DeWitt Shelby, b. Jan. 6, 1903;
m. 1927, Addie Mae Evans.
 - ii. Parker Neal Shelby, b. Apr. 6, 1904;
m. 1928, Phoebe Lemon.
 - iii. Jos Bailey Shelby, b. Oct. 15, 1907.
 - iv. Truett Shelby, b. Feb. 20, 1909;
m. 1936, Wynona Evelyn O'Shel.

- v. Everett Sumner Shelby, b. July 27, 1911;
m. 1932, Velma Ricks.
9. Lillie Iona Shelby, b. Nov. 25, 1875; living;
m.(1) Oct. 2, 1903, Hollie Middleton Laurence, d. Nov. 1941;
m.(2) May 7, 1947, Dr. B. M. Walker (no issue), d. 1949.
Ch.:
- i. Holly Moody Laurence, b. Sept. 2, 1904;
m. Sept. 2, 1933, Celia Swiley.
 - ii. Fred Parker Laurence, b. Aug. 20, 1906;
m. 1932, Naomi Lois Farrar.
 - iii. William Warren Laurence, b. Nov. 15, 1912;
m. Jan. 23, 1943, Kathryne McClure.
 - iv. a baby girl, died at birth in 1914.
10. Guinnie Shelby, b. Feb. 9, 1879, d. Oct. 14, 1880.

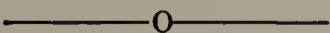


Cader Lex Shelby (1892-1955), son of No 4 above, was a Baptist minister and a teacher at Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia. His widow, Mary Conrad Shelby, is yet employed there as secretary to the Registrar. Their children are:

- (a) Cader Lex Shelby, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1923; a pharmacist;
lives DeLeon, Texas;
m. Nov. 22, 1943, Melba Wright; dau.s: Sherie & Jo Anne.
- (b) James Conrad Shelby (twin), b. Jan. 6, 1926.
- (c) Marilyn Shelby (twin), b. Jan. 6, 1926;
m. July 24, 1948, Otto A Hutchins; 2 dau.s, 1 son;
Lynda, Martha and James Otto Hutchins.
- (d) Leta Shelby, b. Aug. 16, 1927; lives Nashville, Tenn.;
m. Nov. 24, 1949, ^{John}James A. Wimpey;
dau.; Marilyn Le Ann Wimpey.



End enumeration of descendants of
J. Warren & Nancy (Parker) Shelby.



LOUISA ANN (PARKER) KING
(1839—1898)



Louisa Ann Parker (Cader A., 3; Ica. 2; Jacob, 1), 5th ch. of Eld. Cader A. and Louisa (Candler) Parker; b. Feb. 22, 1839, in Ga.; d. June 10, 1899. She and her 2nd husband buried in Center Ridge cemetery near Maud, Texas; 1st husband buried in Alabama.

m.(1) John Franklin King (bro. of Thos. W. King) who d. in Ala., without issue.

m.(2) 1867, Thos. Washington King, in Barbour Co., Ala.; b. 1842 in Ga., d. 1927, Texas

Louisa Ann (called "Lou") was baptized in the Primitive Baptist faith but later, in Texas, she and her 2nd husband joined the missionary Baptists. She was petit and

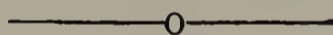
beautiful, much smaller than her brothers and sisters. She died of burns when her clothing caught fire while doing the family wash.

Thomas W. King, a Confederate soldier in an Ala. regiment, was wounded in battle and for a short time a prisoner of war. He was a farmer, owning considerable land and cattle, and gave his children the best schooling afforded in Franklin and Bowie counties, Texas. In 1869 the Kings, with their first born child, moved from Alabama to what is now Franklin Co., Texas, coming in the ox-drawn wagon train with nearly all the family of Eld Cader A. Parker. Later the Kings moved to Bowie Co., Texas, where the mother and father died. They had 4 children:

1. Nancy King, b. Nov. 3, 1868 in Ala.; d. 1871 in Texas.
2. Emma King, b. June 24, 1871; d. Apr. 22, 1956 in Texas;
m. Dec. 23, 1886, Chas. Brooks Helms (1st cousin), son of Mrs. Missouri Parker Helms. (Ch. listed supra under Missouri Carolina Parker & Sampson D. Helms).
3. John J. King, b. Dec. 22, 1873; d. Nov. 4, 1881.

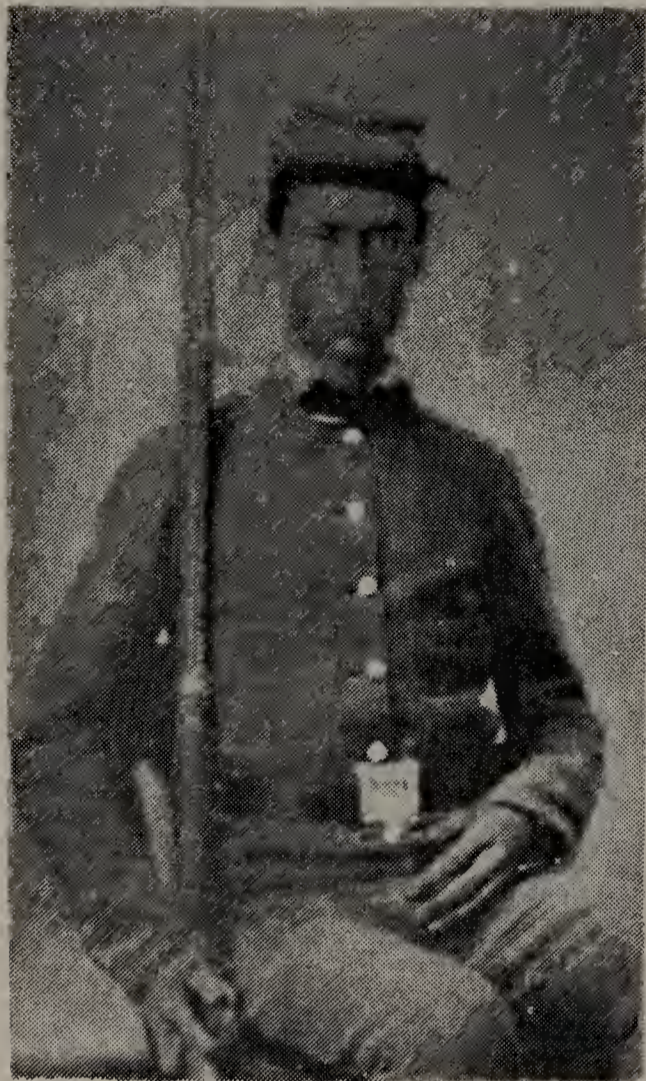
4. Cader Levi King (called "Lee"), b. Jan. 23, 1878 in Texas.
 m. Nov. 8, 1908. Clara Tidwell in San Antonio; 4 Ch.:
- i. Leona King, b. Aug. 23, 1909; living;
 m. Albert Huth (3ch.)
 - (a) Glen Bartlett Huth, b. Nov. 13, 1937.
 - (b) Joy Novelle Huth, b. Nov. 12, 1942.
 - (c) Sharron Kay Huth, b. Feb. 1, 1948.
 - ii. Louisa King, b. Apr. 8, 1912; living;
 m. B. M. Sowell (2ch.)
 - (a) Patsy Sowell, b. Jan. 10, 1939.
 - (b) Nancy Sowell, b. Nov. 16, 1949,
 - iii. Raymond Bartlett King, b. Aug. 13, 1914; living;
 m. Selma Coffee (3 ch.)
 - (a) Raymond Lee King, b. July 8, 1943.
 - (b) James William King, b. June 11, 1945.
 - (c) Larry Gail King, b. Feb. 6, 1947.

2 of above boys killed in auto wreck, Oct. 1958.
 - iv. Norene King, b. Sept. 9, 1919; living;
 m. Thomas O. Beal (1 son)
 - (a) Tommy Eugene Beal, b. June 19, 1941.



Cader Levi King, aged 81, oldest living grandson of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker has given us considerable information regarding the family in Texas. He was a school teacher and rural mail carrier at Maud, Texas until 1906 when he became a city letter carrier in San Antonio. He and his wife now live at Poteet, Texas, near the Mexican border.

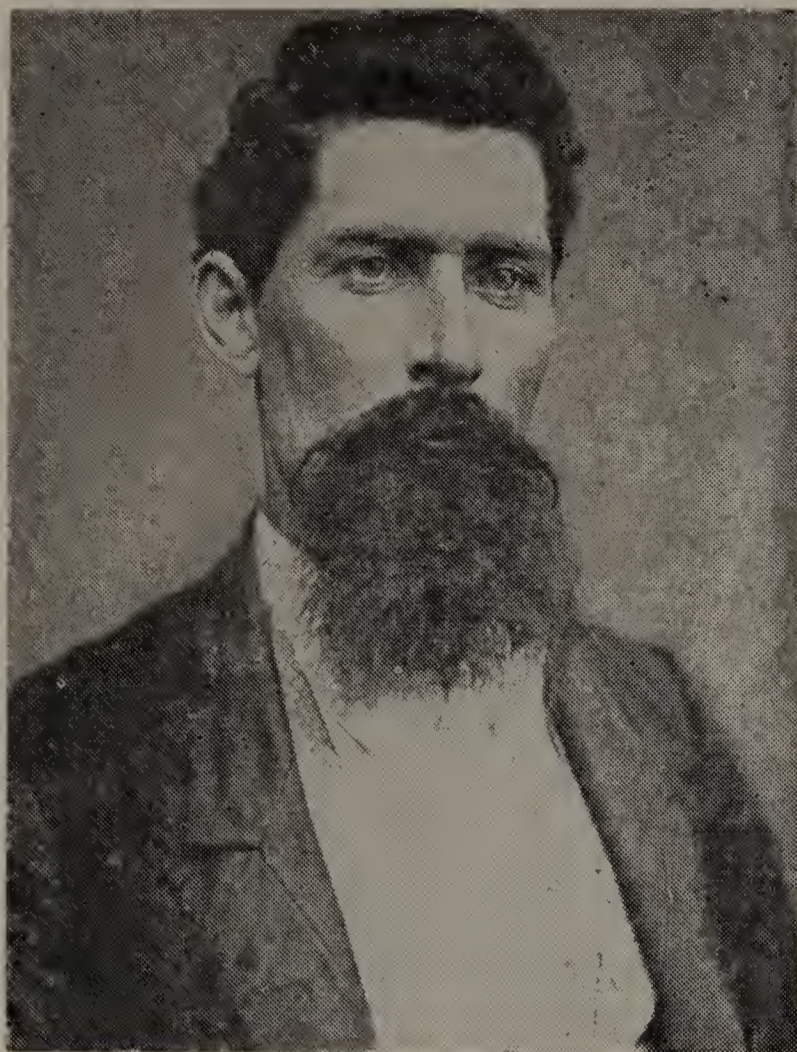
CADER ATKINS PARKER, JR., C. S. A.
(1841—1863)



Cader A. Parker, Jr. (Eld. Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1) was born ~~born~~ Feb. 14, 1841, in Muscogee Co., Ga., and died July 21, 1863, in a hospital near Gettysburg, Pa. He was severely wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2nd and died of puenmonia 19 days later.

Between 1853 and 1861 he was a student at Patterson's Oak Grove Academy, near Midway, Ala. At the outbreak of the war he became a member of the Midway Guards and was mustered in July 3, 1861, at Fort Mitchell, Ala., as 4th Sergeant Co. B, 15th Ala. Inf., C.S.A.

Cader A. Parker, Jr. only child of his parents who left no descendants, was cut down in early and vigorous manhood in a cruel war in which three of his brothers also gloriously fought.



STEPHEN POPE PARKER, C.S.A.
(1843—1906)

Stephen Pope Parker (Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), son of Cader A and Louisa (Candler) Parker, b. Feb. 17, 1843 in Muscogee Co., Ga., d. Mar. 9, 1906 at Redwater, Texas. Father's family moved to Barbour Co., Ala., in 1852 and Stephen was there educated in schools in the Midway vicinity.

Stephen P. and his brother D. Hall Parker enlisted May 10, 1862 in Co. I, 39th Ala. Inf., and the two served together in the war until May 2, 1864, when D. Hall was transferred to 45th Ala. Infantry. Stephen P. Parker was a Sergeant and a Lieutenant in 39th Ala. Inf., in which he served to the end of the war. He engaged in numerous battles, including Chickamauga, and was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., May 31, 1865, with but 25 men remaining in his company as survivors. He himself was wounded in battle. He then returned to his family in Alabama, having married (1st time) 7 months before he enlisted in the army.

In 1868 Stephen Pope Parker moved with his father's family (including brothers D. Hall and William A., and 3 sisters) to Titus (now Franklin) Co., Texas. He was once a deputy Sheriff of Titus county.

Stephen P. was baptized in the Primitive Baptist church by his father Eld. Cader A. Parker, and remained in that faith to his death. He was also a member of the Masonic order.

In 1882 he moved to Bowie Co., Texas, first at Ingersol, then Redwater, where, besides being engaged in farming, he practiced law. It is said he was at one time a prosecuting attorney at Redwater but we have not verified the fact.

With a commanding personality, Stephen P. Parker was a highly respected leader in his community and his advice and counsel was sought by many. 6' 1" tall, erect and robust, he led an active outdoor life and was fond of hunting and fishing. He was convivial but dignified. Like his father and brothers, he never ceased to seek and acquire knowledge. Some idea of his education, faith and ideals may be gleaned from a letter he wrote his sister-in-law Joanna Dorcas Thigpen Parker in 1904, published in appendix hereto.

Stephen Pope Parker was twice married and father of 12 children
 m. (1) Oct. 17, 1861, Sally Eliz. Holmes, in Barbour Co., Ala., by whom were 3 ch. She d. in 1870 and is buried near Mt. Vernon, Texas.

m. (2) Jan. 15, 1871, Henrietta Curic Fenn, in Titus Co., Texas, by whom were 9 ch. Born in Alabama, she moved to Texas with her parents. She d. in 1909, buried beside her husband at Redwater, Texas.

The 12 ch. by both marriages were:

1. Elizabeth Parker, b. Aug. 24, 1862, d. Oct. 22, 1936;
 m. Oct. 15, 1879, Elias Frank Harland; 12ch.:

- i. Stephen Parker Harland, b. Aug. 14, 1880, d. Mar. 6, 1950; m. Lucy Howdeshell.
- ii. Virginia Ann Harland, b. Jan. 18, 1883, d. Sept. 8, 1947.
- iii. William Lewis Harland, b. June 7, 1886, d. Dec. 31, 1940; m. Nelia Clark.
- iv. Elias Frank Harland, Jr., b. Aug. 23, 1888, living;
 m. Lena Brown.
- v. Clarence Harland, b. Aug. 21, 1891, d. Aug. 22, 1892.
- vi. Carol Harland, b. Aug. 21, 1891, d. Aug. 31, 1892.
- vii. Lee Roy Harland, b. July 1, 1893, d. July 11, 1951.
 m. Zulu Hamm.

- viii. Henry Howard Harland, b. Sept. 16, 1895, d. Dec. 6, 1956; m. Ollie Hairston.
 - ix. Emma Edna Harland, b. Dec. 7, 1897, living; m. Allen Green.
 - x. Vera Harland, b. Oct. 10, 1899, d. July 16, 1900.
 - xi. Morris S. Harland, b. Apr. 13, 1903, d. Nov. 1, 1903.
 - xii. Gladys Harland, b. June 24, 1907, d. Oct. 3, 1914.
- (E. F. Harland, Jr. and Mrs. Emma Harland Green, last surviving of above family, live in Texarkana, Texas)
- 2. Mary Wiseman Parker, b. Feb. 11, 1866, d. Dec. 24, 1952; m. 1882, James W. Nettles; 11 ch.:
 - i. Lena Nettles, lives Seattle, Washington; m. E. B. Richards.
 - ii. Geneva Nettles, lives Wapato, Washington; m. V. K. Powell.
 - iii. Nannie Nettles, d. age 2 years.
 - iv. Lucy Nettles, lives Portland, Oregon; m. O. D. Trexler.
 - v. Ola Nettles, deceased.
 - vi. William Bryan Nettles, deceased.
 - vii. Horace Vaughn Nettles, d. age 18 yrs.
 - viii. Millege Hart Nettles, deceased.
 - ix. Bascom Nettles, deceased.
 - x. Novelle Nettles; lives Everett, Washington; m. Jack N. Johnson.
 - xi. Margaret Nettles; lives Everett, Washington; m. Raymond Prevost.
 - 3. John Candler Parker, b. July 13, 1868, d. July 24, 1888; not married.

Above is all we learned of ch. and grandchildren of Stephen Pope Parker by his first wife. Following are by second wife:

- 4. William Paul Parker, b. Sept. 9, 1873, d. Apr. 13, 1958;
 - m.(1) Bevvie Black, who d. 1903; no issue.
 - m.(2) Aug. 18, 1912, Ida Long; no issue.
 - m.(3) Mar. 26, 1941, Lorain Parish; no issue.

William P. Parker had no children of his own but helped in raising and educating those of others. We corresponded the last two years of his life and he furnished valuable information for this book. A railroad employee 43 years, he was an elder in First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, Texas, 35 years.

He was buried at Redwater, Texas, in the cemetery where his father and mother are also buried. He was oldest living grandson of Eld Cader Atkins Parker. His brother Mark Atkins Parker and cousin Cader Levi King are last remaining grandsons.

5. Hilliard Pope Parker, b. Jan. 1, 1877, d. 1886.
6. Fannie Maye Parker, b. June 15, 1883, d. Nov. 29, 1956;
m. June 8, 1911, James R. Keener; 1 ch., a son:
 - i. Emmett Drew Keener; lives Homer, Louisiana;
m. Ruth Tait.
7. Mark Atkins Parker, b. Mar. 10, 1885; living;
m. May 23, 1909, Anna Meadow, b. Aug. 9, 1890; 10 ch.:
 - i. Carl Stephen Parker, b. May 11, 1910;
m. Apr. 20, 1930, Virginia Lee Williams:
Ch.:
 - (a) Gloria Joan Parker, b. June 3, 1933.
 - (b) Juanita Ruth Parker, b. Aug. 2, 1936;
m. Lionel Wayne Harden (2 sons).
 - (c) Paula Ann Parker, b. Mar. 21, 1943.
 - ii. Thelma Thrace Parker, b. Oct. 4, 1912;
m. Oct. 4, 1932, Jewel Cecil Miller, b. 1900:
Ch.:
 - (a) Doris Jean Miller, b. Apr. 12, 1934;
m. Harold Ray Scott.
 - (b) Cecil Nelda Miller, b. Apr. 14, 1941.
 - iii. Marvin Eugene Parker, b. Dec. 19, 1914, d. July 1931.
 - iv. Cader Atkins Parker, III., b. Nov. 15, 1917;
m. Nov. 5, 1937, Mattie Lee Williams, b. 1915:
Ch.:
 - (a) Gary Marvin Parker, b. Jan. 1, 1938.
 - (b) Chas. Edw. Parker, b. Aug. 18, 1940,
d. July 1941.
 - v. William Paul Parker, II., b. Mar. 5, 1920;
m. Aug. 26, 1943, Frances Marie Williams:
Ch.:
 - (a) Judy Paulette Parker, b. June 7, 1944.
 - (b) Wm. Michael Parker, b. Oct. 8, 1945.
 - (c) Karen Marie Parker, b. Feb. 5, 1947.
 - vi. Henrietta Louise Parker, b. Feb. 22, 1922;
m. Nov. 5, 1949, Chas. Henry Brown.

- vii. June Leveta Parker, b. June 18, 1924;
m. Dec. 22, 1943, Vergil Ancil Rutledge:
Ch.:
 - (a) Patricia Ann Rutledge, b. Dec. 30, 1945.
 - (b) Shelia Kay Rutledge, b. Mar. 14, 1953.
- viii. Billy Joe Parker, b. Jan. 29, 1927;
m. Nov. 24, 1951, Gatha Lillian Turner.
- ix. Anna Maye Parker, b. Apr. 18, 1930;
m. Dec. 27, 1952, Elmer Day:
Ch.:
 - (a) James Day, b. Dec. 27, 1957.
- x. Mark Atkins Parker, Jr., b. Oct. 29, 1932;
m. Aug. 9, 1956, Mary Dell Clem:
Ch.:
 - (a) Mary Katherine Parker, b. Nov. 17, 1957.

Mark A. Parker, Sr., age 75, lives Rt. 1 Texarkana, Arkansas. Carl Stephen Parker lives Houston, Texas. William Paul Parker, II., lives Garland, Texas. Mrs. C. H. Brown and Mark A. Parker, Jr., live Texarkana, Texas. Mrs. V. A. Rutledge lives Ogden, Arkansas. The other children of Mark A. Parker, Sr., live Texarkana, Arkansas. Cader Atkins Parker, III (b. 1917) is a great grandson of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker (b. 1810), a grand nephew of Cader Atkins Parker, Jr. (b. 1841, killed at Gettysburg), and 2nd cousin of Cader Atkins Parker, II (b. 1857, son of Eld. Mark Candler Parker).

- 8. Stephen Hanson Parker, b. Dec. 7, 1886, d. June 16, 1955;
m. Feb. 17, 1924, Cecelia Anthony, b. Feb. 15, 1900:
Ch. 1900
 - i. George Edwin Parker, b. Feb. 2, 1926;
m. Nov. 6, 1953, Bobbie Jo Williams; a son:
 - (a) Jonathan Bennett Parker, b. Oct. 9, 1955.
 - ii. Fred Anthony Parker, b. Aug. 26, 1927;
m. Eva Nell Chappell; 2 ch.:
 - (a) Fred A. Parker, Jr., b. Nov. 28, 1949.
 - (b) Glenda Jean Parker, b. July 7, 1951.
 - iii. Stephen Hanson Parker, Jr., b. Mar. 15, 1929;
m. 1955, Mary Elizabeth Felrath; a son.
 - (a) Roderick Stephen Parker, b. Sept. 1, 1956.
 - iv. Mary Kate Parker, b. Oct. 2, 1933;
m. 1952, Culberson Hudson Spencer; a dau.:
 - (a) Sharon Kay Spencer, b. Oct. 24, 1956.

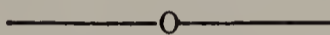
9. Emily Louise Parker, b. Oct. 26. 1888; living;
 m. (1) Mar. 31, 1907, Quincy Albert Ray, d. Aug. 2, 1910.
 m. (2) Nov. 22, 1931, W. C. Strickland (no issue).
 Ch.: by Ray:
- i. Bevvie Maye Ray, b. Oct. 22, 1908;
 m. Nov. 5, 1927, W. D. Nelson, 1 Ch.:
 - (a) Margaret Louise Nelson, b. Feb. 14, 1931;
 m. Oct. 12, 1949, William T. Bell; 2 ch.:
 - (aa) Thos. Vincent Bell, b. Sept. 16, 1951.
 - (bb) Gary Alan Bell, b. Apr. 8, 1954.
 - ii. Wilma Alberta Ray, b. Sept. 29, 1910, d. Dec. 1935;
 m. Nov. 24 1928, Lonnie A. Borden; 4 ch.:
 - (a) Mary Jane Borden, b. Aug. 30, 1929;
 m. George Vathis.
 - (b) Quincy Ray Borden, girl, b. Aug. 15 1931;
 m. Wayne M. Gilliam; a son:
 - (aa) Dennis Wayne Gilliam.
 - (c) Aaron Paul Ece Borden, b. Oct. 30, 1933;
 m. Barbara ———.
 - (d) Stephen Elvis Borden, b. Oct. 30, 1935.
10. Amelia Josephine Parker, b. Aug. 17, 1890; living.
 m. (1) May 19, 1912, Edwin A. Jackson; d. 1914;; 1 ch.
 m. (2) Aug. 17, 1923, Geo. Davis Banks; d. 1934; 2 ch.
 Ch.:
- i. Ralph Hanson Jackson, b. Jan 12. 1914;
 m. June 29, 1939, Juanita Pipes; 5 ch.:
 - (a) Aunelia Ann Jackson, b. Jan. 1, 1941.
 - (b) Hughie Ralph Jackson, b. Jan. 5, 1943.
 - (c) Hazel Marie Jackson, b. June 15, 1948.
 - (d) Rickey Wayne Jackson, b. Dec. 27, 1953.
 - (e) Pamela Arleane Jackson, b. June. 9, 1956.
 - ii. Stephen Wm. Banks, b. Feb. 28, 1926, d. June 8, 1926.
 - iii. Wilma Jo Banks, b. Apr. 11, 1928;
 m. June 14, 1947, G. G. Gonzales.
11. Katie Elvira Parker, b. May 2, 1892;
 m. Oct. 29, 1916, J. Fred Batson; 5 ch.:
- i. Edith Louise Batson, b. Feb. 8, 1918, d. 1931.
 - ii. Ruth Frances Batson, b. May 24, 1920;
 m. Jan. 8, 1947, Cornelius Whalin; a dau.:
 - (a) Nelia Frances Whalin, b. Dec. 21, 1948.

- iii. Jimmie Adelle Batson, b. Jan. 26, 1922;
m. Aug. 2, 1951, Warren Lewis Price.
- iv. Ida Pauline Batson, b. Oct. 22, 1924;
m. (1) Feb. 7, 1942, W. D. Lacy; a dau.:
 (a) Jaqueline Sue Lacy, b. Nov. 24, 1942.
m. (2) Mar. 15, 1946, Grover Hunsicker; a dau.:
 (b) Ina Pauline Hunsicker, b. Oct. 18, 1953.
- v. Thos. Eugene Batson (U.S.A.), b. June 7, 1929;
m. Jean Barthelow; a son:
 (a) Tom Eugene Batson, Jr., b. May 24, 1955.

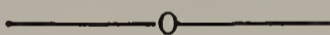
Cornelius Whalin, lawyer in Baltimore, lives College Park, Md. Warren L. Price lives Seatle, Wash. Grover Hunsicker lives Shawnee, Okahoma.

12. Edwin Bartow Parker, b. July 25, 1894, d. 1922; unmarried.

End enumeration of descendants of
Stephen Pope Parker (1843—1906).



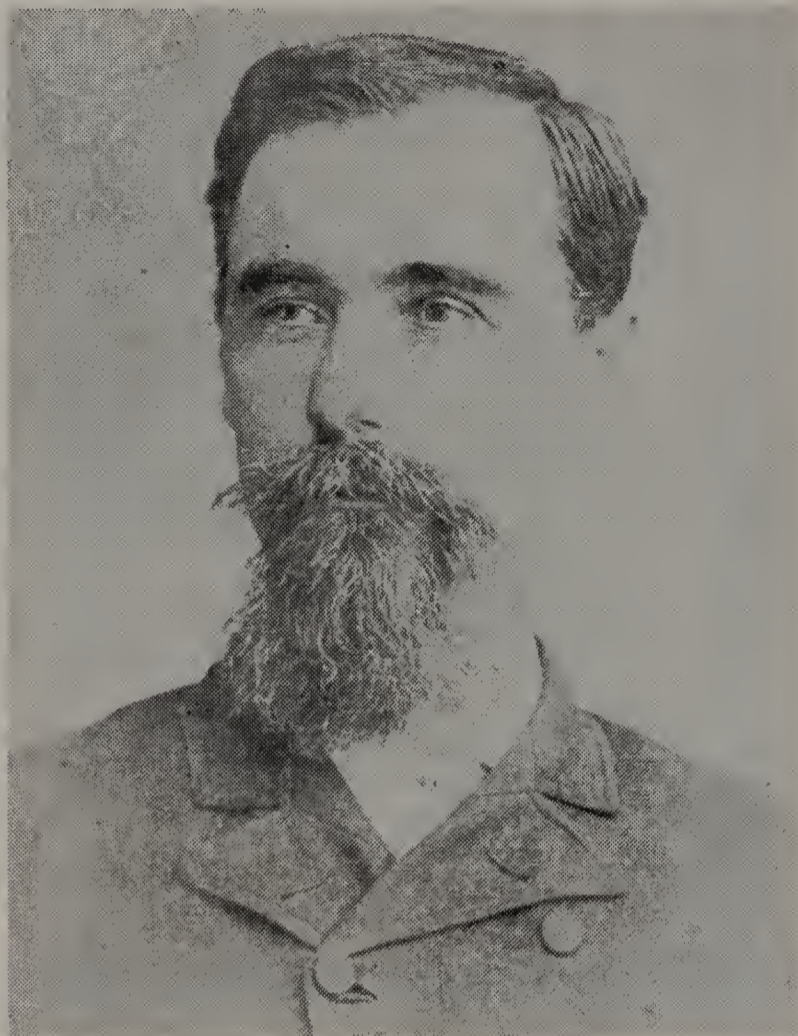
Henrietta Curic Fenn (2nd wife of Stephen Pope Parker) was a dau. of Wm. Aaron Fenn & his wife Sarah Jane Stone, natives of New England. They moved to Alabama before the Civil War and he was a soldier in Confederate Army while his brothers were in the Union Army. They had 8 children, including Henrietta who m. Stephen P. Parker, Fannie who m. George Lillie, and Aaron Bartow Fenn who died aged 95. Mrs. Jane (Stone) Fenn is buried near Mt. Vernon, Texas. Wm. Aaron Fenn returned to Connecticut where he died and is buried.



Only 6 of the 61 grandchildren of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker are living today. Names, ages and address are here given:
Mrs. B. M. Walker, nee Lillie Shelby, age 83,
102 W. College St., Longview, Texas.
Cader Levi King, age 81, Poteet, Texas.
Mark A. Parker, age 74, R.F.D. 1, Texarkana, Arkansas.
Mrs. W. C. Strickland, nee Louise Parker, age 70,
102 Blanton St., Texarkana, Texas.
Mrs. G. D. Banks, nee Josephine Parker, age 68,
P. O. Box 51, Maud, Texas.
Mrs. J. Fred Batson, nee Kate Parker, age 67,
Mt. Pleasant, Texas.



DANIEL HALL PARKER, C.S.A.; U.S.A.
(1845-1926)



At age 44 in Texas

Daniel Hall Parker (Cader Atkins, 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), 8th of 9 children of Eld. Cader A. & Louisa (Candler) Parker, was born June 10, 1845 in Muscogee Co., Ga. in locality of the present town of Cusseta (now in Chattahoochee Co.) Ga.; died Sept. 21, 1926 in Thomasville, Ga., and there buried beside his wife in Laurel Hill cemetery. Their oldest and youngest sons are buried in the same cemetery plot.

He married Feb. 7, 1866, in Barbour Co., Ala., Augusta Virginia Pruett, only child of Dr. William R. & Ann Augusta (Coleman) Pruett and granddaughter of William & Kisiah Coleman. (See biography sketches on Dr. William Reece Pruett and on Ann Augusta Coleman, hereinafter.)

They had 8 children, 5 living to maturity, as follows:

1. Augusts Wise Parker, b. May 2, 1867, d. July 21, 1896; m. Nov. 6, 1892, Fannie Henry; ch.: Gladys & "Gus" C. Parker. (See biographic sketch hereinafter)
- 2 & 3. Ben & Thad Parker, b. & d. Jan. 15, 1869.

4. Thaddeus Hall Parker, b. June 28, 1870, d. May 2, 1920;
m. (1) Dec. 16, 1896, Minnie Chastain; 3 ch.
m. (2) Nov. 28, 1912, Mrs. Leola (Tillman) Moon; 1 ch.
(See biographic sketch hereinafter)
5. John Mark Parker, b. Nov. 1, 1872, d. Aug. 31, 1936;
m. Apr. 8, 1896, Ella Cargile; 4 ch.
(See biographic sketch hereinafter)
6. Daniel Gordon Parker, b. July 16, 1875, d. 1886 in Texas.
7. Lucy Parker, b. July 23, 1878, d. Oct. 21, 1945;
m. July 16, 1896, Robert Samuel Roddenbery (Sr.); 2 sons.
(See biographic sketch hereinafter; also see Appendix)
8. William Albert Parker, b. May 18, 1883, d. Jan. 31, 1945;
single; attended Ga. Tech. in Atlanta; was an electrician
and mechanic. No issue, and no further biographic data.



Mrs. D. H. Parker at ages 17 and 30

Augusta Virginia Pruett, wife of Rev. D. H. Parker, was born Sept. 23, 1848 at Midway, Ala. Her daughter, Mrs. Lucy (Parker) Roddenbery, always maintained the name was Ann Virginia but her tombstone, erected by her husband, is inscribed "Augusta Vir-

ginia Pruett, wife of D. H. Parker". He always called her "Jennie", as did her close friends. After marriage, she signed her name "A. V. Parker". She was a beautiful girl and young woman.

"Jennie" Pruett had no vivid memory of her father because her parents were separated when she was a baby and divorced when she was a young girl. Her grandfather William Coleman died before she was born. Her mother married (2nd time) L. F. Allen when Jennie Pruett was 8 years old but he died in less than a year. So Jennie Pruett was reared and educated by her mother and her grandmother Coleman. Her bachelor uncle Wm. Thad Coleman was head of the household and stood in the stead of a father. They were well-to-do and gave her the best schooling afforded in that locality.

Her academic learning is attested by her Teachers Certificate (in our possession) issued in the name of "Mrs. A. V. Parker", dated 17 Nov. 1877, at Sherman in Grayson Co., Texas, which states she passed "Satisfactory Examination" in orthography, reading in English, arithmetic, penmanship, modern geography, English grammar and English composition. For several years she taught primary grades in public schools of Texas, but never taught school after coming to Georgia in 1891.

We have in our possession a good many documents bearing on the life and character of my grandfather D. H. Parker: letters written to his parents when he was a Confederate soldier and other letters written in later years and over a long period. He kept a diary during his service in the Spanish-American War, and we have his autobiographic sketch which we print in the Appendix to this book. But more and better than all this, we were privileged to have the closest personal association with him for nearly 30 years. It is difficult to write impersonally of one with whom we have had such close personal relations. So, I depart from use of the editorial "we" and employ the personal pronoun.

I remember my grandfather Parker, from earliest childhood. As I wrote in earlier publication, he was my boyhood idol and that admiration and reverence has continued to this day. He was a soldier, scholar, teacher and a preacher inspired to evangelism and missionary zeal. He was a strong man, physically, mentally and morally, and he was a handsome man. "straight as an arrow", with a soldierly bearing right up to the time of his death at 81 years. But he had no monopoly on greatness and goodness; all his brothers were men of highest caliber, noble and grand men. Most of their lofty traits of character must certainly have resulted from the precepts and example of their father, Cader A. Parker, who was indeed a remarkable and great man.

The adage that people who live in glass houses should never cast stones never applied to D. Hall Parker. He did not live in a glass house and he could, and did, boldly and without reservation speak his convictions at all times, without fear of offense or retaliation. When he died, the Thomasville (Ga.) Times-Enterprise said of him in an editorial. "We never knew a man who was so bold to speak his convictions on any subject, anytime, anywhere, and who yet never had an enemy".

D. H. Parker was a 32° Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. When he became a Shriner he was criticized by some in his church who said he was fraternizing with wicked men. He dismissed this by saying they didn't know what they said and he proudly wore the Shrine emblem and boasted that King George didn't have anything on him (in Masonry). See page 140.

D. Hall Parker (and brothers) attended Patterson's Oak Grove Academy at Midway, Ala. "no doubt the best rural school in the history of the county" (See Appendix), where he studied Latin and Greek as well as English, physiology, geography, history and mathematics. He attended this school until he enlisted in the Army in 1862 and he resumed his studies when the War was over. He was prepared for college and his father offered to send him to Washington & Lee University, but he declined the offer because of his father's depleted finances. Yet, throughout life, he never ceased his studies. He attained an education far beyond that of most college graduates.

Grandpa was present at my graduation when I received a degree from Mercer University. My diploma was written in Latin and when we got home I asked him to translate it for me. He said: "What's the matter, graduating from college and can't read your diploma?" I admitted such was the case. I'd been "exposed" to just one year of Latin grammar. He took the diploma and in a few minutes handed me an English translation, saying: "It has been 25 years since I've seen a Latin lexicon but I think this is a fair translation".

On another occasion I asked my grandfather the name of the county seat of a certain county in Georgia. He appeared surprised that I didn't know the names of all the counties and county seats in Georgia. There were then 161 counties and I couldn't have recited half of them. He said: "I'll name them and you can count them". He did, in alphabetical order, counties and their county seats. Then he proceeded to name them in geographical order,

beginning with Dade in the northwest corner of the State and ending with Camden in the southeast corner. I asked him why he had bothered to memorize the counties and county seats; he replied: "Mental exercise", and said he had done the same thing in Texas. Such was characteristic of him. Many times I have asked him what or which word to use in the construction of a certain sentence. He would never tell me and stop at that, but would also state the grammatical rule. That was the teacher in him. He recited from many poets, and had memorized much of the Bible. Of his work as a surveyor, he said he was "simply charmed by the mathematics of it".

If we accept Daniel Webster's definition of true eloquence, then my grandfather was an orator, for he spoke the mother tongue in the simplest words that all could understand. We heard him preach a good many times. There was logic and truth in all he said and the Bible was his authority. He was a student of the Greek and this enabled him to more clearly understand and expound the Scriptures. He was a devout man but never gloomy or long-faced. He had a keen sense of humor. In his later years he spent much time in the home of his daughter in Moultrie, Ga., and when he was not preaching elsewhere he attended the Moultrie Baptist Church services, occasionally filling that pulpit. Always, when another was in the pulpit, he was called upon for the principal prayer. After services one Sunday, Dr. J. E. Lanier, a Moultrie physician, came up to him and said: "Brother Parker, I always come to church when I know you will be here because I like to hear you pray; I never heard anybody who could pray in public like you", to which he replied: "It takes a lot of praying in private to be able to pray in public."

In this book I have called him Rev. Daniel Hall Parker to distinguish his denomination from that of his father and uncles and brother, who were Primitive Baptist preachers and always called Elders, but my grandfather preferred to be called Elder because there is no authority in the Bible for the title of Reverend to be applied to a preacher. The word occurs only once in the Bible (Psalms 111, verse 9) and there it refers to Jehovah.

"He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and *reverend* is his name."

Grandfather Parker was an expert penman and taught penmanship by the copybook method. Not everybody could buy copybooks in those days and he would write specimens at the top of a page of a tablet, or on a slate, and have the pupil copy on down to

the bottom. He did that with me when I visited him as a little boy. Every day he would make me copy a line 100 times. I remember the first specimen he gave me was "practice makes perfect". Chas. A. Shelby, (1895-1958) wrote me two years ago: "Your grandfather, back in his youth, taught school at Glade Springs (Franklin Co., Texas). I went to school there in 1909 and at that time the schedule he had written on the blackboard was still there (18 years after D. H. Parker had moved to Georgia). One probable reason for its remaining there was because of his elaborate handwriting. The other and main reason was because the board was painted black to the ceiling and he had written the schedule about 12 feet up on the wall." We mention this because Charles Shelby said to me: "In making research such as yours, it is a pity some of the life incidents of our forebears could not be recaptured and recorded", and he went on to relate some of his memories of my grandfather, such as times he returned to Texas on visits and preached in his old church and "the old-timers would fill the house to standing room". To illustrate my grandfather's sense of humor, as well as his benevolence, he said my Grandpa told his father, C. A. Shelby, ~~Sr.~~ of his efforts to give his grandchildren Gladys and "Gus" (ch. of Augusta W. Parker) an education. He brought them to Georgia and put them in school, but "Gus" soon tired of it and craved to go back to his "back-woods home in east Texas". Grandpa told "Gus" to let him know if he ever wanted to go to college and he would help him. Some years later "Gus" wrote him that he wanted to go to a "barbers college". Grandpa laughed when he related this and said: "I guess college is college". He sent the young man a check. However, "Gus" Parker is not a barber now but is a real estate broker in San Antonio and rather "well fixed". See page 140.

Before he was 18 years old Daniel Hall Parker enlisted in the Confederate States Army, May 10, 1862, in Co. I, 39th Ala. Inf.; he was transferred May 2, 1864 to Co. A, 45th Ala. Inf., and served as a Private to the end of the War when he was mustered out at Greensboro, N. C., April 26, 1865. He fought in the Battle of Chickamauga (see poem in Appendix) and numerous other conflicts, including the Battle of Atlanta in which he was wounded. We have the lead minnie ball that was cut out of his arm with a pocket knife. The wound was swabbed with iodine and he walked over a mile to the Atlanta railway station and an hour later boarded a train, with other wounded soldiers, for a hospital in Macon, over 100 miles south. In 30 days he returned to duty with his regiment. He never boasted of his war experiences and, though he attended veterans reunions, he never wore his Confederate uniform after the War.

As previously stated, D. H. Parker moved from Alabama to Texas in January 1869 and there remained 22 years. On July 3, 1871 he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Texas National Guard and assigned to Co. G. 68th Regiment (recorded vol. 1, p. 370 in office of Adjutant General of Texas). Jan. 3, 1873, he was commissioned County Surveyor of Titus Co., Texas. In later years he was official surveyor for the Georgia counties of Brooks, Colquitt and Thomas. When 75 years of age, during the cattle tick eradication, he was awarded a contract to survey part of the Georgia-Florida line for a cattle fence separating these states. Another surveyor engaged in this work told us that D. H. Parker traversed more ground in a day than any of the other surveyors.

In 1885 D. H. Parker was ordained to the ministry in Glade Springs Baptist Church (near Mt. Vernon in Franklin Co., Texas) and he served as pastor of this church from 1886 until he moved to Georgia in 1891. A history of this church was compiled by J. S. Jeter for its centennial celebration May 25, 1958. Following are excerpts from that history:

..... "the name Glade Springs was adopted because a beautiful glade with some five springs is near the church. It is in the midst of a beautiful grove".

"D. Hall Parker, a well known preacher and educator of merit, was one of the greatest preachers and pastors the church ever had. He was ordained to the ministry here, taught in the schools here, and finally went to southern Georgia where he finished his days in useful service to his Master".

" 'Billie' Parker (William A., brother of D. H.) taught in the schools of the community and was an influence for good. Cynthia Parker, the wife and co-worker in school room and church, gave a great part of her time to building up the community and church. Their lives will live long in the hearts of the people. She was a daughter of Major A. T. Smith".

In July 1891 D. H. Parker became president of South Georgia Agricultural College (junior college) at Thomasville, Ga., an institution supported by State and Federal aid. The roster of 1890-91 showed an enrollement of 201 students in the preparatory and collegiate departments, a third of whom were girls. The college, incorporated 1879, has long since ceased operation but we have a copy of its catalogue and announcement for 1891-92 (the first year D. H. Parker was its president).

In 1885 "the citizens of Thomasville erected a magnificent building", still there, "consisting of a spacious chapel, wide halls and galleries, and 8 class rooms, costing over \$16,000, situated in the middle of a beautiful campus of 8 acres". The school had a rigorous schedule: "A regular schedule for assembling, chapel services, class work, recitations, etc., will be adopted throughout the college, and this will be strictly adhered to and followed with the regularity of the clock". Each student had 35 hours a week in class rooms, with 5 additional hours of military training and drill for all physically fit male students. Major R. H. Snively was Commandant of Cadets and also taught in the collegiate department. The year's term was divided into 2 semesters of 5 months each, with 2 weeks out for Christmas: no other holidays. Most students were from Thomasville and vicinity but there were boarding students from several other counties in Georgia and as far away as New York and Ohio.

The curriculum shows D. H. Parker taught: Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, Caesar, Cicero, Vergil's Aeneid; Goodwin's Greek Grammar, Anabasis, Xenophon's Memorabilia; Physical Geography; Physiology and Botany; Algebra, Geometry, and Mensuration. He said (in his autobiography) that the presidency of and teaching in this college was "the most arduous work of his life", and when he left it to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Thomasville, he never taught school again.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Daniel Hall Parker volunteered his services as a Chaplain and on 21 June 1898 he was commissioned Regimental Chaplain, with rank of Captain, of 3rd U.S. Volunteers, known as Ray's Immunes. His commission, now in our possession, was personally signed by President William McKinley. We also have his Honorable Discharge from U.S. Army, dated 2 May 1899, signed by P. H. Ray, Colonel 3rd U.S. Volunteer Infantry. At time of commission he was described as 53 years of age, 6 ft. in height, with dark complexion, dark eyes and black hair.

Chaplain Parker left the U.S. from Savannah 13 Aug. 1898; arrived in Cuba (Guantanamo Bay) 17 Aug. 1898; left Cuba 30 March 1899 and arrived in the U. S. 2 April 1899 (War Dept. Records). In addition to duties as Regimental Chaplain, he was also Army Postmaster at Guantanamo, Oriente, Cuba.

As soon as headquarters were established at Guantanamo, Chaplain Parker engaged the services of a Cuban native (paying him out of his own funds) to tutor him in Spanish 2 hours each

evening excepting Saturdays and Sundays. With his knowledge of Latin as a background, and a passion to be able to preach to the natives, he rapidly acquired a speaking knowledge of Spanish and, by the end of the year, was able to preach to the Cubans (not fluently) in their native tongue.

Besides preaching to soldiers, a Chaplain's duties are manifold: visiting sick and wounded, counseling and advising the many who come to him with all kinds of problems, conducting funerals, writing letters to relatives of soldiers, etc., and besides all this, Chaplain Parker was Postmaster serving over 3,000 officers and men. Nevertheless, he conversed with and preached to the natives and early in the year 1899, under authority from the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (U.S.A.), and, as he said, "with the aid of one A. J. O'Halloran of Santiago", he organized and constituted the Guantanamo Baptist Church (La Iglesia Bautista de Guantanamo) with 70 newly baptized converts. This was the first Protestant church in all of eastern Cuba and the third in the island country. It has continued and thrived 60 years to this day, a lasting monument to the missionary zeal of Daniel Hall Parker.

We are indebted to Rev. Dr. Jose Luis Molina, present pastor, for a picture (herein printed) of Guantanamo Baptist Church as it looks today, which was erected in 1909. On the back of this post card size picture is printed in Spanish a condensed history of the church, the caption and first paragraph of which is as follows:

"HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GUANTANAMO.
 "The first sermon was preached in the year 1898 by Mr. Parker, and in the year 1899" (just after Chaplain Parker left Cuba) "by Dr. Mosely; two years later Reverend Carlisle came in 1901, and in the year 1904 Reverend W. Hill followed him by means of an interpreter, and in the year 1905 Mr. Bustamantex preached. Because Mr. Hill could not converse in the Spanish language, there arrived in Cuba Reverend A. B. Howell and the missionary Haynes, and in the year 1906 the Church was reorganized".

This was the time, 1906, the Baptist mission work in Cuba was divided between the Southern and American Baptist conventions (U.S.A.), the Southern taking the 4 western provinces and the American the 2 eastern provinces, which latter included Guantanamo in Oriente province. The present Guantanamo church (Temple, as they call it) was dedicated May 23, 1909, ten years after D. H. Parker left Cuba. The first Baptist missions in western Cuba (Havana and vicinity) were started about 1885. There are now about 100 Baptist churches in all of Cuba.

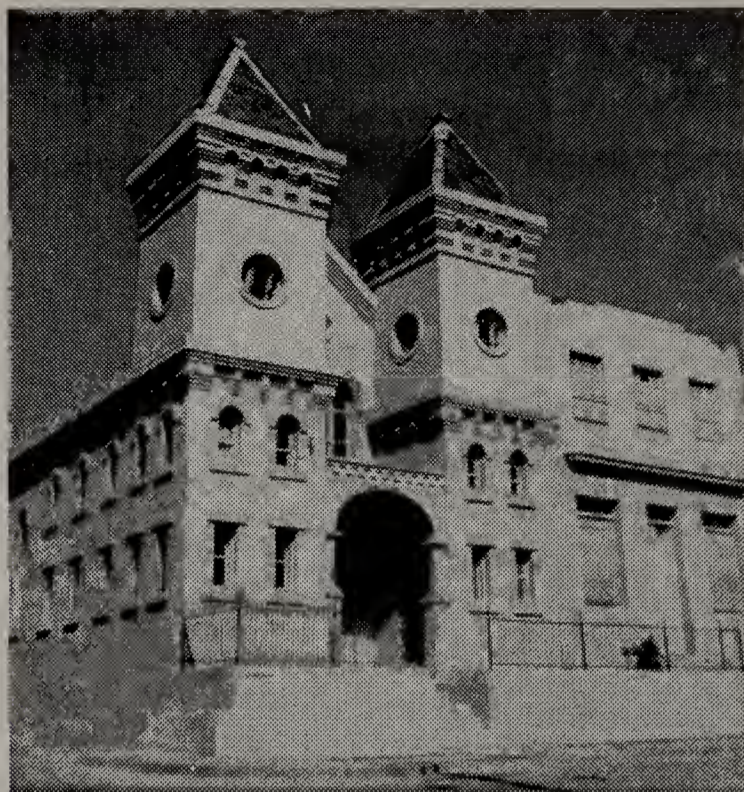
In 1907 D. H. Parker was one of the founders and incorporators of Norman Institute (now Norman College) at Norman Park,

Ga., and was a member of its board of trustees for a number of years thereafter. (See Charter Book "A", Colquitt Co., Ga.)

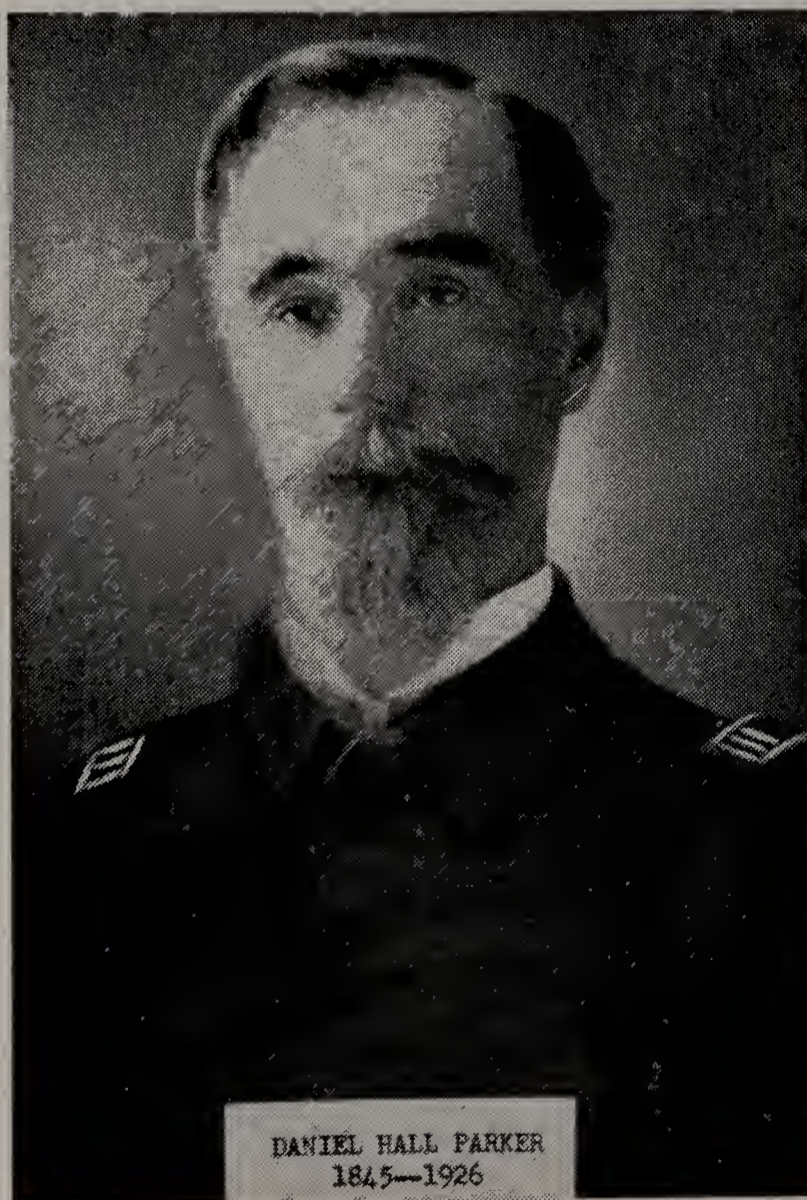
For more than 40 years Rev. D. H. Parker was a pastor and evangelist. After leaving Texas, all his pastorates were in southwest Georgia; in Thomasville, Cairo, Bainbridge, Boston, Grooverville and Meigs, but he preached in many other places in Georgia and Florida, and was guest preacher in churches in Richmond, Va., and New York City. Besides the church in Cuba, he constituted and established a dozen other churches, including the first Baptist church ever in Quincy, Fla.

We have seen him elated, but never excited. When learning to drive his first automobile he was nearing the garage, the door of which was closed, and failed to apply the brakes soon enough. He rammed into the door and the engine choked down. Unexcited, he said: "Whoa, now I reckon you'll stop". He was careful and never drove fast himself, but he liked to ride fast. In the summer of 1926, when he was 81, he came with my brother to visit us in Florida. My brother was a fast but careful driver. On the return, when they got back in Georgia, Grandpa stopped at the post office in Thomasville and sent us a card noting the time of day and saying: "Arrived safely. It was a splendid run". They had traversed 230 miles in 4 hours.

My grandfather seemed not to know, or to heed, the limit of his endurance. Two weeks before he died he spent several strenuous days surveying land near Boston, 12 miles from Thomasville. Driving home alone on an unpaved road and in rain, his car skidded into a shallow ditch. He was trying to get his car back on the road with a prize pole when some friends came along, made him leave his car for a wrecker to tow, and brought him into town. That was his undoing. He was carried to hospital next day. The end came in 10 days. I was living in Florida at the time. When he realized his critical condition, he asked to see me and was told I would be there the next day. He then told my mother he wanted me to have his surveyor's compass and transit. I have since given the instrument to my son, who can use it. I reached Thomasville in the early morning hours and went to the hospital before breakfast. He was too feeble to talk but he closed his hand on mine. My mother and I were the last of the family to see him alive. We went to the home of my uncle Mark Parker and, while at breakfast, the nurse phoned to say: "Mr. Parker just passed away". So passed the grandest man I ever knew.



BAPTIST CHURCH OF GUANTANAMO, CUBA,
CONSTITUTED 1899 BY REV. D. H. PARKER.
THIS EDIFICE WAS DEDICATED IN 1909.



DANIEL HALL PARKER
1845--1926

Chaplain, U. S. Army in 1898-99.

AUGUSTUS WISE PARKER
1867—1896

Augustus Wise Parker, (D. Hall, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), first child of Daniel Hall and Augusta Virginia (Pruett) Parker, was born May 2, 1867 in Barbour Co., Ala. His parents moved to Texas when he was a baby and there he remained until December 1895 when he moved to Bainbridge, Ga. He lived in Georgia but 7 months and died of typhoid fever July 21, 1896. First buried in Bainbridge, his body was later exhumed and buried in Laurel Hill cemetery lot of his parents in Thomasville, Georgia.

Both of his parents were teachers and they saw to it that "Gus" Parker, as he was called, received the equivalent of a high school education and he himself became a teacher. He taught in the Hope Dale School in Franklin Co., Texas, from 1892 until he moved to Georgia. Early in life he was converted and became a Baptist, being baptized by his father. He was a devout Christian.

Nov. 6, 1892, Augustus Wise Parker m. Fannie Henry, dau. of William Henry and Mary Jane Mitchell. She was born in Rome, Ga., July 12, 1874, and moved to Texas with her parents when a little girl. She died in 1949.

Soon after death of her husband, Mrs. Fannie (Henry) Parker returned from Georgia to Texas where she married Samuel P. Holmes Oct. 16, 1899. Her first marriage, to A. W. Parker, is recorded in Marriage Book 13 in Franklin Co. Texas.

Augustus Wise Parker and Fannie Henry had 2 children:

1. Gladys Parker, b. Aug. 17, 1893, Winnsboro, Texas, where she now lives;
m. Apr. 20, 1919, Quitman, Texas, Sam Overton McCrary (deceased).

ch.:

Frances Elaine McCrary, b. Dec. 17 1929, lives in Arizona;
m. Feb. 9, 1952, Anselmo Valverde, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

(3 Valverde ch.: Diane, David, and another girl)

Elaine McCrary's father died when she had completed but one year in college but her mother put her through 3 more years and she graduated in 1951 at Texas State College for Women with a B. S. degree. Her husband is also a college graduate.

2. Augustus Carey Parker, b. Oct. 18, 1895, at Winnsboro, Texas; now lives in San Antonio under name of Gus C. Parker;

m. Mar. 16, 1917, a Miss Dewy Russell, by whom was 1 ch.:

Geneva Parker, b. Jan. 24, 1919, lives Shreveport, La.;

m. Nov. 16, 1940, Clay Charles Brown. 4 ch.:

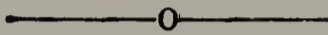
(a) Paula Geneva Brown, b. July 15, 1942.

(b) Susan Eileen Brown, b. Mar. 13, 1944.

(c) Clay Chas. Brown, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1945.

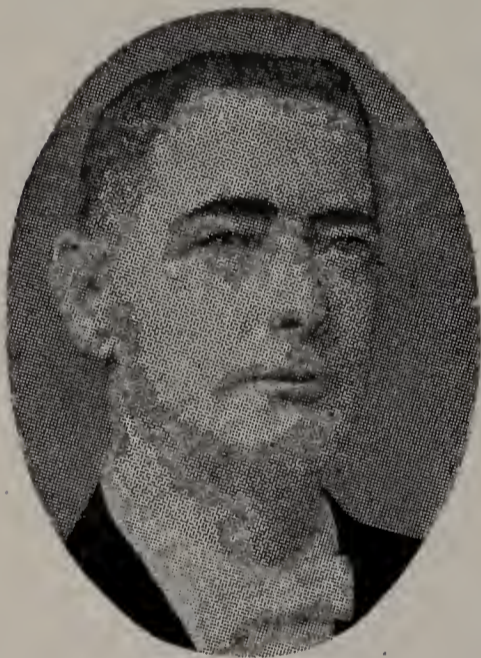
(d) Richard Norman Brown, b. Feb. 8, 1951.

Mrs. Geneva (Parker) Brown is a Registered Nurse.



THADDEUS HALL PARKER

1870—1920



Thaddeus Hall Parker, (Daniel Hall, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), was born in Grayson Co., Texas, June 28, 1870; m. (1) Dec. 16, 1896, in Thomasville, Ga., Minnie Chastain, b. Sept. 13, 1874 d. Mar. 7, 1910, by whom were 3 ch.: m. (2) Nov. 28, 1912, in Tifton, Ga., Mrs. Leola (Tillman) Moon, by whom was 1 ch.; J. Dan Parker.

T. Hall Parker was educated in public schools of Texas (taught by his father most of the time) and attended Sam Houston State Teachers College, 1890-92, from which he received a teachers certificate "which entitles him to teach in any Public School in the State, without further examination, for a period of three years from the date hereof", 1 June 1892. He came to Georgia in the summer of 1892 and taught school at Cairo and in country schools of Thomas County. While teaching school, he studied law and was admitted to the bar at Thomasville, Ga., Feb. 16 1895, and practiced Law at Moultrie from 1898 until his death in 1920. He was Judge of Court of Ordinary (probate court), 1905 to 1913, and was a member of State Senate of Georgia (47th district) at the time of his death. He was County Attorney several years and was regarded as one of the ablest and most astute lawyers in southwestern Georgia. He was senior member of the firm of Parker,

Gibson and Roddenbery, the other members being J. O. Gibson and R. S. Roddenbery, Jr., the latter being his nephew.

Judge T. Hall Parker, as he was known and called, was a Baptist and a Democrat and a Mason and Shriner. A veteran of Spanish-American War, he was mustered into service 9 July 1898 at Macon, Ga., as 1st Lieut Co. B, 3rd U. S. Volunteer Infantry, and honorably discharged 17 Aug. 1898 at Guantanamo, Cuba. Cf. official records of Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. His father was Regimental Chaplain in the same organization.

Minnie Chastain, first wife of T. Hall Parker, was a dau. of John T. Chastain, a Confederate veteran, and his wife Tishia Davis of Farmville, Virginia. (See Vol. II, pp. 1042-45, William Harden: HISTORY OF SAVANNAH AND SOUTH GEORGIA, 1913, Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago and New York.)

Children of T. Hall and Minnie (Chastain) Parker:

1. Aileen Parker, b. Mar. 12, 1898, d. Feb. 19, 1929;
m. Roscoe C. Turner (no issue).
2. T. H. Parker, Jr. (called "Ted"), b. Sept. 28, 1901;
m. Irene Thommasson (no issue).
He is a veteran of first World War; enlisted Nov. 1, 1917;
honorably discharged Dec. 18, 1918; served in England and
Germany; now living in Atlanta, Ga.
3. John Chastain Parker, b. Nov. 8, 1903, d. June 8, 1940;
m. July 9, 1928, Eugenia Anderson, dau. of William M. and
Octavia (Kemper) Anderson.

Graduate of Mercer University; lawyer, admitted to bar in 1924; member Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; City Recorder of Moultrie and County Attorney of Colquitt Co. A member of the State Legislature from 1929 until death in 1940, he served two terms as Speaker pro tem of the House of Representatives. He was author of the 1935 City Code of Moultrie. Cut down in the prime of life, he died as result of injuries received in an automobile wreck.

(See p. 476, Biographical volume, Cooper's THE STORY OF GEORGIA, c. 1938, The American Historical Society.)

Ch.:

- i. Eugenia Kemper Parker, b. Mar. 23, 1934.
- ii. John C. Parker, Jr., b. Sept. 5, 1936.

The last wife of Judge T. Hall Parker was a widow, Mrs. Leola (Tillman) Moon, whom he married in 1912. She was born Sept. 15, 1876, died May 19, 1951, and is buried at Tifton, Ga. The only ch. of this union is:

4. Joseph Daniel Parker, b. Oct. 22, 1913; lives Columbus, Ga.; studied law in Tennessee but never followed the profession; m. (1) Dec. 25 1937, Margaret Tripp; divorced May 11, 1953.

Ch.:

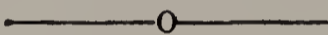
i. Jos. Dan. Parker, Jr., b. June 9, 1941.

ii. Margaret Lane Parker, b. Sept. 15, 1943,

iii. Patricia Ann Parker, b. June 7, 1952.

m. (2) Oct. 4, 1958, Patricia King.

Judge T. Hall Parker died at his home in Moultrie, Ga., May 2, 1920, and was buried beside his first wife in Westview Cemetery, where their daughter and son, John C., are also buried. At the direction of his father, Rev. D. H. Parker these words were inscribed on his gravestone: "Life's fitful fever over, he rests well". Much of his life had been stormy and fitful.



JOHN MARK PARKER

1872—1936

John Mark Parker (Daniel Hall, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob 1), was b. Nov. 1, 1872 at Denison, Texas; m. Apr. 8, 1896, Ella Cargile; d. Aug. 31, 1936 and buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Thomasville Ga. After marrying at Mt. Vernon, Texas, he promptly moved to Thomasville, Ga., which was his home the rest of his life. His wife, Ella Cargile, dau of Marcus Henry and Victoria Louise (Harris) Cargile, was b. Nov. 21, 1872 in Franklin Co., Texas, d. Oct 3, 1949 at Thomasville where she is buried beside her husband. Both were life long members of the Baptist church. He was a railroad conductor (Atlantic Coast Line) many years and was such at time of his death. Their 4 daughters, all living in Thomasville, Georgia., are here catalogued, with their decendants:

See page 140.

1. Louise P^waker, b. July 22, 1898;

m. Oct. 8, 1919, Walter Calvin Pittman, b. July 25, 1894.

Ch.:

i. Walter C. Pittman, Jr., b. Dec. 19, 1923;

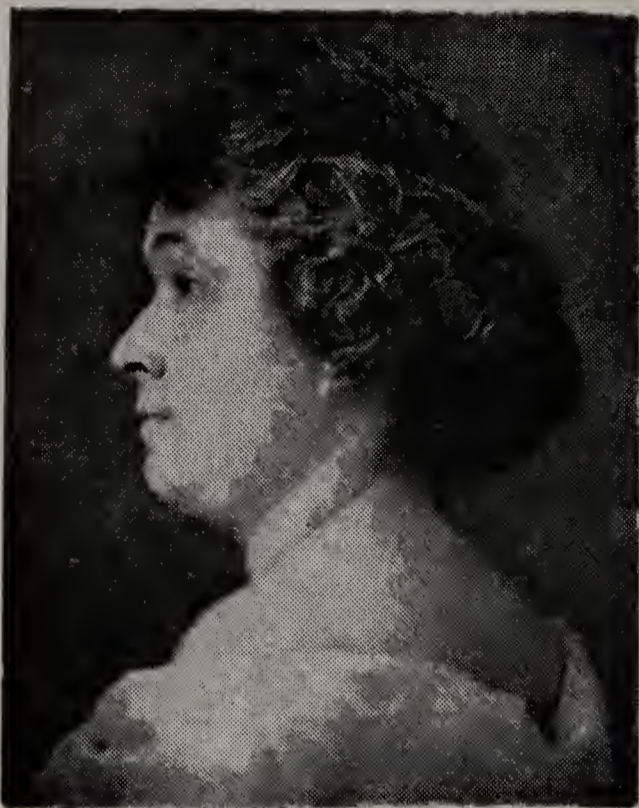
m. Dec. 18, 1955. Gwendolyn Florence Hallman; 1 ch.:

(a) Gwendolyn Lee Pittman, b. Feb. 5, 1958.

See page 140.

- ii. Mary Ann Pittman, b. Feb. 10, 1927;
m. Sept. 6, 1947, Jack Mayo Tyson; 2 ch.:
 (a) Gail Tyson, b. May 9, 1950.
 (b) Ann Tyson, b. May 4, 1957.
- iii. Louise Pittman (called Sister), b. Feb. 22, 1931;
m. June 13, 1953, Harvey L. Slaughter, Jr.; 2 ch.:
 (a) Charlotte Slaughter, b. Feb. 2, 1954.
 (b) Holly Slaughter, b. May 13, 1957.
- 2. Eula Parker, b. July 8, 1905;
m. June 14, 1927, Jos. Leroy Parker (no blood relation),
 son of Jos. A & Amanda Jane (Bell) Parker of Claxton,
 Ga.;
b. July 15, 1903, d. Apr. 25, 1951; 1 ch.:
 i. Joseph L. Parker, Jr., b. Jan. 21, 1932;
 Attended Fla. State University; Lieut. U. S. Army;
 served in Japan and Korea; unmarried; lives in
 Thomasville, Ga.
- 3. Martha Parker, b. Aug. 6, 1911;
m. July 5, 1929, Samuel Warren Mays, b. Oct. 31, 1906;
Ch.:
 i. Martha Parker Mays, b. Dec. 23, 1932;
 m. Dec. 27, 1952, Jos. Elliott May (not Mays); 2 ch.
 (a) Rebecca Ann May, b. Feb. 11, 1954.
 (b) Jos. Elliott May, Jr., b. Aug. 5, 1955.
 ii. Samuel Warren Mays, Jr., b. July 9, 1934.
 iii. Rhydon Grigsby Mays, b. Feb. 6, 1941.
 iv. Mary Mays, b. Dec. 12, 1947, d. Oct. 24, 1949.
- 4. Jeanne Harris Parker, b. Oct. 5, 1916 (feme sole).
She was Captain in Womens Army Corps, assigned to Air
Corps, from 9 Oct. 1942 to 6 Mar. 1946, in World War, II.

MRS. LUCY (PARKER) RODDENBERY
1878-1945



Lucy Parker (Daniel Hall, 4; Cader A., 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), only dau. of Rev. D. Hall Parker and wife Augusta Virginia Pruett, was born July 23, 1878 at Mount Vernon, Texas, and died Oct. 21, 1945 in Moultrie, Georgia. She married July 16, 1896, Robert Sam^uel Roddenbery (son of Dr. Seaborn A. Roddenbery & Martha America Braswell), b. April 5, 1838; yet living at Moultrie, Ga.; had 2 sons:

1. Robert S. Roddenbery, Jr., m. July 1, 1920, Lucy Bland (1 son).

2. Seaborn Hall Roddenbery, Sr., b. June 2, 1902, d. 1951; m. Sept. 25, 1925, Vera Jordan (1 son, 1 dau.).

Lucy Parker resided in Texas until 13 years of age when, in 1891, she moved with her parents to Thomasville, Ga. At an early age she was baptized (by her father) into the Baptist church. Educated in public schools in Texas and Georgia (tutored much of the time by her father), she attended Southern Female College at College Park, Ga.

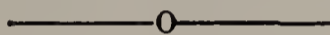
Mr. and Mrs. Roddenbery married in Bainbridge, Ga. (the bride's father performing the ceremony) while she was confined to bed with typhoid fever, the groom sitting in a chair beside the bed. The marriage was thus hastened in order to put the bride under medical care of Dr. Roddenbery at Cairo, under whose ministering she soon recovered. In 1901 they moved to Jackson Co., Fla., and there resided 8 years. In 1910 they moved to Moultrie, Ga., where (except for 2 years residence at Mt. Dora, Florida) they made their home for 35 years until her death.

While in Moultrie, Mr. Roddenbery was variously engaged: in the insurance business, as a wholesale produce buyer, and as a bottler of soft drinks. He was Secretary-Manager of the Moultrie Chamber of Commerce 6 years and he organized the Moultrie Hospital Service Association (hospital insurance) of which he was Executive Director 17 years until his resignation and retirement at

the age of 90. For many years he was a Deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church, and a member of the Masonic order more than 60 years.

Mrs. Roddenbery (Lucy Parker) was an active and ardent member United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, and American Legion Auxiliary. She was the first president of the local unit of the Legion Auxiliary, three times president of the local U. D. C. chapter, twice chapter Regent of the D. A. R., once Recording Secretary of the Ga. Division of the D. A. R., and she served 11 consecutive years as president of the Colquitt County Baptist Woman's Missionary Union composed of units in more than 20 churches.

Despite her manifold religious, civic and charitable activities, Mrs. Roddenbery was ever attentive to her family duties, a spotless housekeeper, and locally famous for her culinary arts. (See appendix for other data).



1. *Robert Samuel Roddenbery, Jr.* (U.S.A.), first born of Lucy Parker and R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., b. Sept. 6, 1897 in Bainbridge, Ga.; now lives in Moultrie, Ga.;

m. July 1, 1920, Lucie Bland, dau. of Marshall Hall and Ruby (Graham) Bland of Milledgeville, Ga., b. Mar. 29, 1900; son: Thad H. Roddenbery.

Educated in public schools in Florida and Georgia; attended Norman Institute (now Norman College); graduated Georgia Military College, 1916; graduated Mercer University (Macon, Ga.) in 1919 with LL.B. degree; admitted to practice law in Georgia in 1918 and in Florida in 1926; member American Bar Association and of Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants; practiced law in Moultrie and Albany, Ga., and in Orlando, Fla.; was United States Commissioner 1924-'26.

Won championship debating and oratorical contests in Moultrie High School, Norman Institute, Ga. Military College and Mercer University; played varsity football and basketball in high school and college; member Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity and past Eminent Archon of Ga Psi chapter, was delegate to Nat'l. S. A. E. convention at Buffalo in 1919.

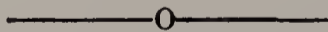
Member Albany Lodge 713 of B. P. O. E.; charter member Moultrie Kiwanis Club; was Georgia delegate to Woodmen of the World Nat'l. conventions in Buffalo and Omaha; charter member of American Legion, past commander Post No. 41, Moultrie, and Post No. 30, Albany, past 2nd District commander (Ga.), and delegate to Nat'l. Legion conventions in Cleveland, New Orleans and Miami.

A veteran of World Wars I and II, enlisted as private in Army of U. S., 1 Sept. 1918; commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf., 30 Nov. 1918; commissioned 1st Lt. C. M. P., 9 July 1942; discharged 13 Jan. 1944. (Army Serial Nos. 4,570,301 and 0 101, 386).

(For other biographical sketches see 1919 *Mercer Cauldron*; White's 1934 *BENCH AND BAR OF GEORGIA*, p. 265; Cooper's *The Story of Georgia*, p. 469-70, Biography Volume, 1938).

Note: The author prays indulgence of readers for seeming triviality in the foregoing sketch concerning himself. It is written as information for his grandson, Thomas P. Roddenbery, in days to come.

Mrs. Lucie (Bland) Roddenbery was born March 29, 1900 in Milledgeville, Ga., there receiving elementary and high school education, after which she attended Hamilton College, Lexington, Kentucky, 1919-20. She has ever been a charming and gracious woman, against whom naught can be said. Her musical talents in piano and voice were early developed and cultivated. Vivacious but reserved, she makes friends wherever she goes. Her paternal grandparents were Marshall Hodges Bland (C.S.A.), died in Civil War, and Sarah Columbia Jordan. Her maternal grandparents were James Alexander Graham (C.S.A.), and Mary Ann Montague. She is a direct descendant of Colonel Philip Montague (R.S.) of Middlesex Co., Va., Militia.



Thaddeus Hall Roddenbery (U. S. A.), only child of R. S. Roddenbery, Jr. and Lucie Bland, was born June 19, 1921 in Moultrie, Ga. His mother and grandmother Roddenbery started teaching him piano when he was 5 years old. Later he had music teachers and developed into an accomplished musician. Besides the piano, which he yet plays regularly, he played bass tuba in

high school and college bands, took bass violin lessons, and also plays the organ. He is a robust man, 6' 3" tall, with a splendid physique.

After graduating from Moultrie High School, Thad. H. Roddenbery entered Mercer University, where he joined the S.A.E. fraternity. He received his A. B. degree at Mercer in 1943, majoring in ^{on} economics and minoring in mathematics. After that, while in the Army, he had one year at Newark (N. J.) College of Engineering and another year at Princeton University where he was a premedical student. After the War, he obtained his Master's degree at Boston University (paying his own way) and there did his residence requirements for the Ph. D. degree which he is scheduled to receive during the coming year. He is now professor of economics at Worcester (Mass.) Polytechnic Institute. He and his family live in Holden, Mass., about 6 miles from Worcester.

Thaddeus H. Roddenbery, Army Serial No. 34,765,946, joined the U. S. Army Air Force at Ft. McPherson, Ga., 30 of March 1943 and was honorably discharged on certificate of disability 30 July 1945 at Fort Wright, Spokane, Washington. He is a Baptist and a Mason.

June 26, 1948, Thaddeus Hall Roddenbery m. Isabelle Peale, b. Aug. 6, 1921, dau. of Robert Newton and Fannie (Wood) Peale of South Hamilton, Mass. She is a graduate of Chandler School for Woman, Boston, Mass. They have 1 child: Thomas Peale Roddenbery, b. Aug. 22, 1957.



2. *Seaborn Hall Roddenbery, Sr.* (U. S. A.), younger son of Lucy Parker and R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., was born June 2, 1902 in Jackson Co., Fla., and died June 13, 1951 in New Orleans, La. He was buried beside his mother in Westview cemetery, Moultrie, Ga.

m. Sept. 25, 1925, Vera Jordan, b. Jan. 13, 1904, dau. of C. C. Jordan (b. Aug. 13, 1873; d. Apr. 22, 1951), and wife Lilla Stewart, of Ellaville, Ga.

Ch.:

- i. Seaborn Hall Roddenbery, Jr., b. Mar 7, 1927;
m. Sept. 11, 1947, Jean Burney; 2 ch.
- ii. Ann Virginia Roddenbery, b. Feb. 24, 1931;
m. Feb. 20, 1956, Authur J. Epp, Jr.; 1ch.

S. H. Roddenbery, Sr. (called Hall) was named for his grandfathers, Dr. Seaborn A. Roddenbery and Rev. D. Hall Parker. He was educated in public schools of Moultrie and Norman Institute (now Norman College), and was a graduate of Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga. Before entering armed services in World War, II, he was a skilled pipe fitter engaged in installation of automatic sprinkler systems. Entered military service as private 16 Oct. 1942, discharged, totally disabled, 13 Sept. 1945, a Sgt. Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 544th Engineer Boat and Shore Regt. (amphibious engineers). Awarded Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and Philippines Liberation Ribbon. Until stricken by disease while in the Army, Hall Roddenbery was a handsome and robust man, 5' 8" tall, exceptionally strong and fearless of danger. Headstrong and sometimes reckless, he was nevertheless most affable and easily made devoted and lasting friends. From boyhood until death he was a member of the Baptist church. (See appendix for newspaper account of his death).

Mrs. Vera (Jordan) Roddenbery is graduate of Georgia State College for Women and, before marriage, was a teacher in public schools of Moultrie. She now lives in Macon, Ga. Her late father, Ceola Cephas Jordan, son of Sidney J. and Georgia Ann (Battle) Jordan, was for years a county commissioner of Schley Co., Ga., and was a Representative in the General Assembly of Georgia, 1933-'35. He was a steward in Andrew Chapel Methodist Church 43 years and Sunday School superintendent 30 years. He married Aug. 9, 1899, Miss Lilla Stewart, who yet lives at Ellaville, Ga.

Seaborn Hall Roddenbery, Jr. (U. S. N.), was born May 7, 1927 in Car^o, Ga.; now lives in Macon, Ga., where he and his wife are florists;

- m. Sept. 11, 1947, Jean Burney, dau. of Arthur Eugene and Nell (Wilson) Burney; 2 ch. (girls):
 - (a) Joy Roddenbery, b. July 8, 1949.
 - (b) Burney Roddenbery, b. Feb. 17, 1954.

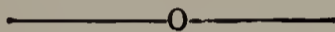
Hall Roddenbery, Jr., is graduate of Lanier High School, Macon, Ga., where he played football and basketball and was selected on All-State basketball team of 1945. He is graduate of Boston (Mass.) College of Mortuary Sciences and was for some years associated

with Memorial Chapel in Macon but, in 1952, quit that work and he and his wife entered the floral business on their own.

During World War, II, he was in the U. S. Navy from 8 June 1945 to 19 Oct. 1946. He is member of The American Legion, Amvets, Loyal Order of Moose, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Optimists International, all in Macon. He is a member of the Methodist church.

Ann Virginia Roddenbery, b. Feb. 24, 1931, in Cairo, Ga.;
m. Feb. 20, 1956, Arthur J. Epp, Jr., native of New York State;
Ch.: Cynthia Ann Epp, b. Jan. 1, 1958.

Ann Roddenbery, graduate Miller High School, Macon, Ga., attended Wesleyan College 1949-'50. She was a senior air line stewardess 1953 to 1956, her principal flights being between New Orleans and New York and between New York and Miami. She and her husband now live in Tampa, Fla.



End enumeration of descendants of Mrs.
Lucy (Parker) Roddenbery

WILLIAM A. PARKER
1848-1883



William A. Parker (Cader Atkins, 3; Ica, 2; Jacob, 1), 9th and last child of Eld. Cader A. and Louisa (Candler) Parker; b. in Georgia Mar. 7, 1848, d. Mt Vernon, Texas June 12, 1883; buried in nearby Glade Springs cemetery.

In Barbour Co., Ala., he received the equivalent of a high school education. Upon passing the prescribed teachers examination, he was licensed to teach school in Texas but his chief income was from farming. He and his wife both taught school in Franklin Co., Texas; both were Baptists and held in highest esteem by neighbors and acquaintances.

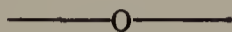
Dec. 17, 1873, married Cynthia Smith of Mt. Vernon, b. Feb. 7, 1854 d. Sept. 18 1932, buried beside her husband. She was well educated, good looking, refined and dignified, a staunch Christian and, after death of her husband, was postmistress of the Mount Vernon post office. She was a daughter of Major A. T. Smith (C. S. A.).

William A. and Cynthia (Smith) Parker had but one child:
Howard Parker.

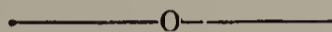
Howard Parker, b. in Texas Mar. 15, 1875, d. Feb. 19, 1951; buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery, Wheatland, Oklahoma. After finishing high school, Howard's mother sent him to Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn., then to University of Texas, at Austin, where he graduated in law. He was State Reporter to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma from 1907 to 1949 when he retired because of ill health. He suffered a paralytic stroke and was confined to a wheel chair until his death.

June 1, 1908, Howard Parker m. Miss Frances Willard Gordy, who was born Dec. 28, 1881 and died Aug. 2, 1953. They had one child: Cynthia Mary Parker, b. Jan. 26, 1909, m. Dec. 21, 1946,

Peter Cramer; now living in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Cynthia (Parker) Cramer is a Registered Nurse employed by Oklahoma County Board of Health. She was an Army Nurse in World War, II, with service in England and France. She has had no issue and is the last living descendant of William A and Cynthia (Smith) Parker.



So ends our account of descendants of Eld. Cader Atkins Parker and his wife Louisa Candler, seven decades after their demise. We follow with statistics on parents of Mrs. Daniel Hall Parker.



ANN AUGUSTA COLEMAN
1830-1893

Ann Augusta Coleman, b. 1830, d. 1893, dau. of Wm. and Kisiah

Coleman;

m. (1) 1846, Dr. Wm. R. Pruett; divorced 1852; 1 dau.

m. (2) 1857, L. P. Allen; died 1858; 1 son.

Records concerning Augusta Coleman and her parents are incomplete but we know names of parents and two of her brothers. Her father was *William Coleman* who died in vicinity of Midway in Barbour Co., Ala., in November or December 1846, soon after Augusta married Dr. Pruett. Her mother's name was Kisiah (surname unknown). Her known brothers were William Thad Coleman and Dr. Benjamin Franklin Coleman. These facts were made known to us by the writer's grandmother, Mrs. D. H. Parker, nee Augusta Virginia Pruett, and are verified by public records of Barbour Co., Ala., and by letters (over a century old) in our possession. It was also our privilege to know Dr. Ben F. Coleman in his lifetime. He died in 1928.

William Thaddeus Coleman, bachelor brother of Augusta, was living when his niece Augusta Virginia Pruett married D. H. Parker in 1866. So he must not be confused with a William T. Coleman, Pvt. Co. E, 4th Ala. Inf., who was killed in the battle of Gettysburg July 2, 1863 (Ala. Dept. of Archives and History). Records in office of probate court of Barbour Co., Ala., show the return of Commissioners appointed by the Orphans Court of Barbour county "to make distribution of the personal property of

William Coleman", and made the following allotment, to wit:

"To Kisiah Coleman, widow, named slaves valued at \$2400.00.

To William Thaddeus Coleman, named slaves valued at \$2500.00.

To Ann Augusta Pruett, named slaves valued at \$2400.00.

To Benjamin F. Coleman, named slaves valued at \$2100.00.

Commissioners return dated Dec. 30, 1846, recorded 7 April 1847.

It is therefore evident that Ann Augusta Coleman married Wm. R. Pruett shortly before the death of her father and before Dec., 30, 1846, on which date she shared in the distribution of the personal estate of her father. Exact dates of her birth and death are unknown but she was born about 1830 and she was living (widow of L. P. Allen) in 1893. And we know her mother (Kisiah Coleman, widow) was living in 1888 at Midway, Ala., Augusta living with her.

William Coleman (father of Augusta) left a considerable estate, including much land in Barbour (now Bullock) county, about 20 slaves, a dozen or more mules and horses, cattle, hogs, blacksmith and carpenter tools, buggies, wagons, farming implements, a large amount of household furniture, and 7 lots of books. These assets are itemized in reports of sales made by Kisiah Coleman, administratrix of the Estate of William Coleman, deceased, recorded in 1847 and 1848 in public records of Barbour county; most of which was purchased by and sold to members of the family, a number of items purchased by W. R. Pruett.

Kisiah (Kesiah) is an unusual name. We do not know its meaning. It may be a corruption of another name, and possibly could have been feminine for Hezekiah. William and Kisiah moved from Georgia to Alabama in the 1830s but we are not certain of the county in Georgia from which they came. The Coleman and Pruett families had close contacts in both Georgia and Alabama. The will of a Samuel Pruett was probated Jan. 5, 1846 in Franklin Co., Ga., & his wife was named Kesiah, a slight variation in spelling of the name of Kisiah Coleman. The will of Hezekiah Pruett was probated in 1844 in Franklin Co., Ga., and he had son named Samuel. Jancey M. Pruett (possibly James M.) was surety on the \$5000 bond of William Thaddeus Coleman as guardian of person and property of Benjamin F. Coleman, a minor, in Barbour Co., Ala., May 1, 1848. In July 1850 Dr. Wm. R. Pruett wrote a letter to his estranged wife at Midway, Ala., asking her to send for a parrot at the home of James Pruett "as the children treat it very badly". James Pruett lived nearby and it is presumed he was a cousin of Dr. Wm. Pruett.

Barbour Co., Ala., was formed after the evacuation of the Creek Indians in 1832. Thereafter for a quarter century the U. S. Government made land grants to settlers. The Government Land Book at Montgomery shows grants to various Colemans but a cursory examination did not disclose a grant to William Coleman; yet an early census enumerated William J. Coleman who then owned 26 slaves. It is quite certain William Coleman (father of Augusta) settled in the Midway area of Barbour (now Bullock) county between 1833 and 1840. Bullock County was created by legislative act in 1866 but its boundaries were not established until 1867. Deed and probate records for the Midway area are fairly complete in the court house at Clayton, Barbour Co., Ala., from 1833 through 1836.

The 1860 U. S. census for Barbour county (taken 6 Sept. 1860) enumerated the following Coleman family (No. 972 in order of visitation) with post office address as Midway, Alabama.:

Coleman, W. T., male, age 28, born Ga., planter.

Coleman, V., female, age 65, born S. C.

Coleman, B. F., male, age 20, born Ala.

Allen, A. A., female, age 24, born Ga.

Pruett, Nancy, female, age 12, born Ala.

Allen, W. B., male, age 2, born Ala.

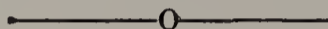
Without doubt, this was our Coleman family, the widow, 3 ch. and 2 grandchildren of William Coleman who died in 1846. The stated ages of W. T. Coleman and of A. A. Allen are palpable errors, as is true in many instances in early census enumerations, but the ages of the remaining four are correct. The head of this household was William Thaddeus Coleman (lived and died a bachelor), who we know was *of age* when his father died in 1846. He was appointed legal guardian of his younger brother in 1848. So, his age in 1860 was probably 38 instead of 28. A. A. Allen (Ann Augusta Coleman) was about 30 instead of 24 years of age in 1860. Her first child, Augusta Virginia Pruett, was born Sept. 23, 1848, which corresponds with the census age of "Nancy" Pruett. As a child she was often called "Nancy"; later she was called "Jennie". W. B. Allen, age 2, was Ann Augusta Coleman's son by her 2nd husband L. P. Allen. We know Dr. Benjamin F. Coleman was born Feb. 14, 1840 and died Oct. 29, 1928. He was 2nd Lt. Co. B, 15th Ala. Inf. (C. S. A.). He is bruied at Ozark, Ala., his home for many years before he died. A flat granite marker with birth and death dates, furnished by the War Department, is erected at the head of his grave. He was graduate of University of Virginia.

We can not account for the initial V. as it appear in the name of the widow Coleman in the 1860 census. In addition to Kisiah, she may also have been named Virginia, which was the name of her Pruett granddaughter.

Ann Augusta Coleman, 1830-1893, dau. of William and Kisiah Coleman;

m. (1) 1846, Dr. William Reece Pruett, from whom she separated in 1849 and was divorced in 1852. Their only child, Augusta Virginia Pruett, b. Sept. 23, 1848, m. Daniel Hall Parker.

m. (2) June 23, 1857, L. P. Allen who died Jan. 7, 1858. Their only child, W. B. Allen, b. April 1858. We know nothing of him since 1860.



DR. WILLIAM REECE PRUETT
1825-1880

Dr. William Reece Pruett, father of Augusta Virginia (Pruett) Parker, was born Jan. 8, 1825 in Upson Co., Ga., reared in Muscogee Co., Ga., graduated from medical school in Augusta, Ga., with degree of Doctor of Medicine. He commenced practice of medicine in Whitesville, Harris Co., Ga., there continued 10 years, then went to Monticello, Fla., where he remained several years. From there he went to Fort Worth, Texas, for a brief period and, in 1862, located in Macon Co., Ala., and carried on a general practice near Tuskegee for two years. In 1864 he returned to Whitesville, Ga., and was instructor in a private school there until 1878. Removing to Corinth, in southeast corner of Heard Co., Ga., he resumed the practice of medicine and continued until his death Feb. 29, 1880.

Note: For much of the above we are indebted to a biographical sketch, in manuscript, on Thomas Forston Pruett, son of Dr. W. R. Pruett by his 3rd wife, filed May 15, 1925 with American Historical Society, 180 N. Market St., Chicago, bearing identification No. "A 650-Ala.". It is quite evident that Thos. F. Pruett, then editor and publisher of The Daily Citizen and The Weekly Times and News, Eufaula, Ala., was either the author of or informant for this biographical sketch.

We have no record of dates when Dr. Pruett attended medical school but we assume it was after his first marriage, Feb. 27, 1844,

at which time he was just 19 years old. At any rate he was quite young when he started the practice of medicine. Date of his first marriage is recorded (Book 1, p. 29) in office of the Ordinary of Harris Co., Ga.

We have not yet established the parentage of Dr. W. R. Pruett. There are official references to the Pruett (Prewett) family in "Historical Collections of Georgia Society, D. A. R.", especially in Franklin Co., Ga.

Dr. Pruett's life was rather melancholic and erratic. In his younger manhood he was given to excessive drinking and this caused his second wife, Augusta Coleman, to divorce him. But he was erudite and of lofty ideals. We are in possession of a number of letters he wrote to his 2nd wife during the period of their separation and just before they were divorced. (See Appendix)

Dr. W. R. Pruett was thrice married and we here record those marriages, with names of his children and grandchildren:

- m. (1) Feb. 27, 1844, Amanda Weeks, d. 1845; 1 ch.:
 Amanda Pruett, b. Jan. 5, 1845, d. Feb. 16, 1910;
 m. June 19, 1861, Francis Marion Talley, b. 1825, d. 1888

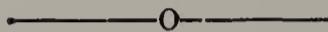
9 Ch.:

Charles H. Talley, b. May 22, 1862.
 Margaret M. Talley, b. Oct. 1, 1865.
 Mary Elizabeth Talley, b. Dec. 25, 1867.
 John W. Talley, b. Dec. 22, 1869.
 Frank M. Talley, b. May 31, 1872.
 Virginia (Jennie) Talley, b. Jan. 22, 1874.
 Amanda M. Talley, b. Aug. 25, 1877.
 Paulina Pearl Talley, b. Apr. 6, 1880.
 Homer Talley, b. July 19, 1882.

- m. (2) 1846, Ann Augusta Coleman; divorced 1852; 1ch.:
 Augusta Virginia Pruett, b. Sept. 23, 1848 at Whiteside, Ga.; moved to Alabama 1849; d. Aug. 24, 1916, in Thomasville, Ga.;
- m. Feb. 7, 1866, Daniel Hall Parker, b. 1845, d. 1926;
 8 ch: (5 to maturity) recorded supra in the family of Rev. D. H. Parker.

- m. (3) 1862, Martha Langford in Macon Co., Ala. b. May 20, 1841, d. Oct. 17, 1919, at Corinth, Ga.; 2 ch.:
Thomas Fortson Pruett, b. 1864, d. 1940 Melbourn, Fla.;
m. (1) 1891, Eugenia Mallette, d. 1899 (no issue).
m. (2) 1899, Mrs. Nettie (Arnold) Angell of N.Y. (no issue).

John William Pruett, b. 1866, d. 1929 at Corinth, Ga.
(Names of wife and children not available).



APPENDIX

Obituary of Cader Atkins Parker by his son D. H. Parker, in April 1886 issue The Gospel Messenger, Vol. 8, No. 4.

Elder Cader A. Parker

Died, Elder Cader A. Parker, at home near Mount Vernon, Franklin Co., Texas, Jan. 19, 1886. Deceased was born in Cumberland county, N. C., May 16, 1810, and was in his seventy sixth year.

He had serious impressions, in early life, of his responsibility to God, but did not fully realize his condition as a lost sinner until 1831, when, to use his own words - "I unexpectedly become overwhelmed, and commencing with prayer, I was soon filled with praising and shouting." He was baptized a member of Richland Baptist Church, Stewart county, Ga., in December, 1831. See page 140.

Impressions in regard to ministerial life accompanied his conviction and conversion, and so closely were these allied to each other, that he has been heard frequently to remark, that if he was mistaken in one, he was mistaken in the other. So that, yielding to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, he began his ministerial work in November, 1833, in which he persevered throughout his long and eventful life, serving fifty-three years in the ministry. From the best data left by him, he traveled 50,000 miles and preached 4,000 sermons.

He began the struggle of life very poor, having married Mrs. Louisa Candler Beard, in Stewart county, Ga., November 7th, 1830, both of whom were not worth more than the value of a good saddle horse. They had born to them and raised nine children, all of whom lived to be grown. He served 10 churches, for longer or shorter periods, during his ministry in Georgia. By the year 1860 he had, by dint of hard work, sober, industrious habits, and prudent economy, accumulated a property of not less than twenty thousand dollars. During the four years of the Civil War he served as a Representative in the lower house of the Legislature of Alabama, and, in 1874-75, a term in the Texas Senate.

He suffered much affliction the last thirty years of his life. For two years he was greatly afflicted with scrofulous white-swelling in the left arm, from which he suffered two amputations, one at Midway, Ala., the other at Nashville, Tenn.

For several years past he has confined himself to narrow limits, being too enfeebled with age to undergo hardships and exposures incidental to ministerial life, but he kept himself "in harness", retaining to an extra-ordinary degree the vigor of his mind.

He was attacked with pneumonia on Thursday, January 14th, 1886, and seemed balancing in chances until the 18th, at which time both lungs became involved, and after suffering intense agony about thirty hours, he passed quietly, peacefully, sweetly away, without a groan or struggle or gasp. He spoke frequently of the crisis through which he was passing, remarking that he was in the hands of Fate; and when asked if he was reconciled, he answered, "yes, as much as any poor mortal can be". When fully convinced that the supreme hour was near, he said: "I die as I have lived". Later he said, "My Lord calls me to a happy, happy land", and "My trophy is a crown of life". Many such blessed expressions escaped him, but these few are mentioned to comfort those who survive and who are soon to follow. His life has been a demonstration of the truth of the Christian religion, and his death a triumph of the Christian faith.

He was buried at Providence Church near Mount Vernon, where he was a member; buried with services suitably memorial to the grand character he has made. Thus has passed away a kind, considerate husband, the best of fathers, consistent Christian and minister of the gospel. "Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the blast of foes".

Mt. Vernon, Texas
February 3, 1886.

His unworthy son,
D. H. Parker.

Excerpts from Obituary of
Sampson D. Helms

March 23, 1902, death removed from our midst one of Bowie county's oldest and best citizens, Sampson Dawster Helms.

Born in Mecklenburg Co., N. C., May 7, 1824, he moved with his parents to Georgia in 1836. Here he grew up and married in 1846 Miss Missouri Caroline Parker, daughter of Cader Atkins and Louisa Candler Parker. He resided in the same community 12 years of his married life, after which he removed in 1858 to Alabama.

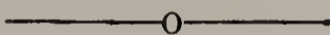
He responded to the call of his country and enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862. After the War he moved to Bowie Co., Texas, and here remained a faithful and honored citizen to the day of his death.

His religious life is worthy of emulation. At the age of 29 he united with the China Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Baker Co., Ga., and was baptized by Elder Andrew Cumbee. After he removed to Texas he united with Rock Hill church, in which he was ordained a deacon. Later he withdrew his letter to go into the organization of Center Ridge church in which he spent the remainder of his life.

The testimony of those who had known him longest was that they never knew him to speak evil of his neighbors. Both old and young commend his noble character in highest terms.

A wife, five children, and grandchildren survive. . . A few of his last months were spent in New Boston with his son Dr. Cader P. Helms . . . A large concourse of people attended his funeral services at old Center Ridge church near Maud.

J. B. Lumbley,
New Boston, Texas.



Obituary of Mark Candler Parker by his brother
D. Hall Parker, in *The Pilgrims Banner*, Vol. 11,
No. 8, p. 256, published Pavo, Ga., August 1904.

Elder Mark C. Parker

Died May 4, 1904 at Millerton, Claiborne parish, Louisiana; born in Muscogee Co., Ga., March 18, 1835. He was converted in youth; joined Antioch Church, in Stewart county, Ga.; and was baptized by his father.

A son of Eld. Cader A. Parker and Louisa Candler Parker, he moved with his parents to Barbour Co., Ala., where he married Joanna Thigpen, Nov. 23, 1854. In 1855 he moved to Claiborne parish, La., and settled on a farm. Impressed beyond resistance, he yielded to the dictates of the Holy Spirit; "To testify the grace of God". He was licensed to preach, and was of invaluable service to his church and people.

The Civil War coming on, he enlisted as a private in 17th Louisiana regiment of infantry; was attacked with typhoid fever, from which his recovery was despaired of, but God raised him up therefrom. His health shattered, he was honorably discharged. Returning with his young family to his father's home in Alabama, he steadily recovered. The country still calling, he again responded and enlisted as a private in the 3rd Alabama infantry, in Army of Northern Virginia, where he remained at the front.

At the last battle of the Shenandoah, under Early, at Winchester, he was captured and imprisoned, with numerous others, at Fortress Monroe, where he remained till the war closed. No braver or more faithful soldier ever followed the lead of the immortal John B. Gordon. Accepting his parole as a pledge of honor, he laid down the Confederate armour, returned to his family and went hard to work for their support.

In 1866 he returned to his Louisiana home and resumed his connection with his church and people, who received him again with overflowing joy. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry; was in demand as a pastor and faithful under every responsibility imposed. Sound in faith and practice, earnest in the presentation of "The truth as it is in Jesus", modest as a woman, humble even to a weakness, yet always true as the needle to the pole, he fulfilled his ministry by the will of God. For some thirty years he stood as a watchman on the walls of Zion. Ripe in years, rich in confidence of his brethren, of good report among them that are without, glorious in hardships as a soldier of Christ—a cart laden with many sheaves - he fell on sleep May 4th, 1904, in the 69th year of his age.

He leaves a faithful wife, several sons and daughters, numerous grandchildren; three brothers, John I. Parker of Thomasville, Ga., Stephen Pope Parker in Texas, D. Hall Parker of Boston, Ga.; and two sisters in Texas, to mourn their loss. Earth is poorer, heaven is richer. "He hath done what he could".

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won —
Enter thy Master's joy."

Boston, Ga.

D. H. Parker.

Stephen P. Parker to Mrs. Mark C. Parker

Redwater, Texas
July 30, 1904

Dear Sister Joanna :

I received your letter sometime since and repeatedly thought to have written to you, and have but little or no excuse to offer for the delay. I was not surprised to hear of Brother Mark's death, as I had heard of his illness and waited impatiently for other news which I failed to get until your letter came.

Well, dear Sister, thus we all at our time must pass away, while we weep for his absence in our loss, but weep not as those who have no hope. We are gratified and comforted to know that he spent the near three score and ten years of his life as but few poor sinful mortals do, devoted to the cause of his Christ, his family, his neighbors and his country, without the least spot of stain or blemish of the character of a Christian gentleman. I had rather die and be buried with the character and reputation he had than that of all the Generals of War combined. You fully realize, and that only by sad experience, the loss of a companion. But dear Sister, your anxieties will not last long, for it is late afternoon with those of our age. Be of good cheer, it won't be long until you can go home where he is and meet with him for no more parting.

I sent your letter to Sister Missouri (Mrs. S. D. Helms), and wrote one to Sister Nancy (Mrs. J. W. Shelby). Missouri is in feeble health, unable to be up much. All others of the connection are ~~went up to see her a week ago. All others of the connection are~~ well as far as I know. Have not seen Nancy since she went home after our visit to your house. You may rest assured that we are proud of our visit among you and now, as Brother Mark has left us, the more we appreciate its importance, and the kindness and affectionate welcome we received among your children. I will never forget to remember. Would have been so delighted if you and Brother Mark had paid us a visit last spring, and would be more than glad you and some of the others could come see us this fall. I never hear from Hall and John (his brothers), only by chance and hearsay.

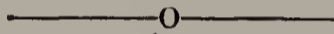
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Sister, persuade your children to be proud of themselves and their ancestors, that from their parentage on both sides, no family has been more blessed. A smiling and protecting Providence has ever been over them. A family of religious and moral practices, virtue and sobriety, peace and order have attended them and theirs,

as well as the healthiest, fullest developed men and women you or they ever knew, and now the generation numbers over a hundred. Not one cripple, maimed, disfigured or lunatic among them as far as I know. Now I must close. I will continue to work for the passenger's ticket that will give the upward flight when the light goes out, that will take us upward to finally meet in lasting peace and rest those who have before us gone to the Heaven prepared for the blest.

In conclusion, be of good cheer, you are not as those who have a lot of small children to take care of but, thanks to Providence, you have a sufficiency of them that are old enough, able and willing, to render you all the assistance you may need. This is intended as a letter for all, as you are close together. May the kind Providence that has ever sustained through life continue, and at the close make your dying bed as soft as downy pillows.

Your Brother,
Stephen Parker.



D. Hall Parker to Joanna Dorcas Thigpen Parker, widow of Elder Mark C. Parker. Dates and names in parentheses added by R. S. R., Jr.

Boston, Georgia
Dec. 17th, 1904

Mrs. Joanna D. Parker
Dear Sister:

I was no little surprised and very much gratified to receive your letter of the 4th instant, as thereby we have had another opportunity to hear directly from you and your children, and also to learn that you have seen the obituary notice I had published in The Pilgrim's Banner. I met and told Mr. Barwick (the editor) of Brother Mark's character, his life and death, and asked if he would make some public reference to him in his paper. He said he would be glad to publish anything I would furnish him, whereupon I wrote the brief sketch which you saw. Brother John and I offered to pay him for it but he would have nothing, but rather expressed pleasure in printing it. I regret that I was compelled to make it so brief for fear I would crowd too much upon his space.

Again, I feel a far deeper regret that I was unworthy of so noble a task, that I was utterly incapable of bestowing a suitable eulogy

See page 140.

upon so worthy a man, but I could not be reconciled at the thought that no person in the country where he was born and reared, and where he was converted and baptized, had given public notice of him. So I did the best I was able.

His reward, though, does not consist in what mortals may say or think of him, but "He who spake as man never spake" said "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life". I have perfect confidence that Brother Mark is safe at home with those "that rest from their labors and their works do follow them". Eternity alone — that great day of awards will tell the multiplied effects of his toil and sacrifice, and God will not forget his labor of love, which through so much of hardships, he rendered to his fellow mortals. Blessed be the name of Him who said, "I am thy exceeding reward", "Servant of God, well done, rest from thy loved employ, the battle fought, the victory won, enter thy Master's joy".

You ask about my family. We are not many, nor are we of much consequence. Ginnie (Virginia, his wife) and I are both living, she feeble, I am in robust health and as active as most men at my age. I am regularly engaged in preaching, two Sundays at Boston, one at Dixie and one at Grooverville, have one of the pleasantest fields to be found anywhere, and I do not have to depend on anything else for my support. Gussie (Augustus Wise Parker), our oldest, died in Bainbridge, Ga., 8 years ago. His widow and 2 children went back to Texas and she married again 5 years ago. Hall (Thaddeus Hall Parker), the 2nd, is a lawyer in Moultrie, Ga., and is doing admirably well. He is just elected Judge of the Probate Court and will enter upon the duties of that office the 1st of January (1905). He has a wife and 3 children. Mark (John Mark Parker) is the 3rd. He is a railroad conductor and has been for 8 or 9 years. He runs past us here back and forth 3 times a week, lives in Thomasville and has a wife and little girl 5 years old (3 other girls subsequently born). Lucy (only daughter) is the 4th. She married a Mr. R. S. Roddenbery of Cairo in this (now Grady) county. He is a merchant and has been in that business, but sold his merchandise this fall and is now in naval stores business at Star, in Jackson county, Fla. They are 90 miles west of us. They have two little boys, one is seven, the other two and a half years old. Billie (William Albert Parker), the 5th, is just past 21, is a machinist, at work in a large shop at Cordele, Ga., about 100 miles from us. They are all stout and healthy and well educated, and bid fair to do well for themselves. I am glad to say that all of them, sons son in law, daughter, daughters in law, are Baptists.

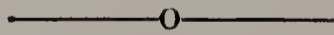
It is 12 miles from here to Thomasville where brother John (John Ica Parker) and his four sons live. They are a fine family of people and as highly respected as any in the county. I was present at John's home last Thursday the 15th when he and Lucy (Mrs. Lucy Swift Parker) celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. I took occasion to say it was about the same for Mark and you, and for Shelby (James Warren Shelby) and Nancy. There has been no break in their family; but Lucy is in awfully bad health and cannot long survive (she died Dec. 25, 1904).

Brother John was 71 years old last March. He is very gray, indeed his hair and beard are snow white, but notwithstanding his age he is wonderfully active. He has always been a comparatively feeble man, and has never done any severe manual labor since he went to do for himself. He never did and never could have done the hard labor that poor brother Mark did. But John is a grand old man, has succeeded well in business and accumulated a competency. His boys are all four fine business men, John F., the 2nd, is and has been County Treasurer of Thomas county for years (he held that office 25 more years).

You invite me to visit you. I would be delighted to do so, if we are spared and I ever manage to make another trip to the West. We have been more than 13 years here in Georgia and I am glad we came. We have the best times I have ever known.

I must repeat that I am glad to have a letter from you, and will be glad to hear again if we are spared. It delights me to testify of my abiding hope in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, Son and Spirit be with you and be sufficient unto all your soul's needs.

Your unworthy brother,
D. H. Parker.



Last letter of D. H. Parker to Mrs. Mark C. Parker

Moultrie, Georgia
September 10th, 1921

Mrs. Joanna D. Parker
Haynesville, Louisiana

My dear Sister:

My strenuous trip ended a week ago and it was a great relief to me; the weather was so warm, the travel worrying. However I find

myself improving. My stay with you and your sons and daughters was all too brief and unsatisfactory. But I had been so much on the hop that I was overanxious to be through with it. If I ever go again I find I must go in a more favorable season and take more time.

I found all well here and my people glad to have me home. It was greatly interesting to see you and your numerous generation. Not only interesting but gratifying every way. I am still much pleased to have seen Jo and Mr. Evers, as well as Brythal and Cader. I had a day of much joy with them. I hope it was as much to them as to me. I regret that I did not see Stephen. Maybe I shall live to see him and all of you again, but I doubt it. It will be all right though either way. I find I have missed so much in not having been associated with you all during the years gone.

I found abundant evidence of the staunch of Mark's strong personality upon the children and not only upon them but upon the whole community as far as I had opportunity to observe. None of my father's family have left so rich a legacy of stalwart manhood or deeper piety than brother Mark. He was in deed and in truth "A wise Master Builder". "His children rise up and call him blessed". That is well, for the scriptures declare such fact. Of his generation it may well be said, they are "An honest yeomanry, a nation's honor and a nation's pride". Nor should I fail to record the fact that you, as helpmeet, had your full share. "Honor to whom honor is due", is a commendation to women as to men, to mothers as well as fathers.

Since seeing the oil prospects from the oil fields, I hope your people shall reap a good share of the immense financial bounty that God has so munificently placed beneath the soil over which you and Mark so long traveled and toiled. I wish for you every comfort that a long and laborious life entitles you to. I shall take occasion to write to all the boys and girls as I may have time.

Affectionately your brother,
D. H. Parker.

Note: Above letter written by D. Hall Parker directly after his return from last visit to kindred in Louisiana and Texas. He died 5 years later. The addressee, widow of Mark C. Parker, died 15 months later, in 1922. It is worthy of note that some children and grandchildren of Mark C. Parker did "reap a good share of the immense financial bounty which God so munificently placed beneath the soil over which Joanna and Mark so long traveled and toiled".

R. S. R. Jr.

Autobiographic sketch of Rev. Daniel Hall Parker written in 1921, original now in possession of his grandson, Robert S. Roddenbery, Jr., who added data and dates in parentheses.

“Daniel Hall Parker,

“The subject of this sketch, a son of Eld. Cader A. Parker and his wife Louisa Candler Parker, was born 10 June 1845 in Muscogee Co., Georgia, but was principally raised in Barbour Co., Ala.; and it is a source of gratification that he was reared on a farm. He is the eighth, last surviving, of a family of nine sons and daughters all of whom lived to maturity. His ancestors were soldiers of the American Revolution; a direct descendant of eight Revolutionary patriots.

“From six years old his parents gave him excellent educational advantages. He learned rapidly, preparing for college, but the War Between the States coming on, he left school at the age of 17 and volunteered as a private in the Confederate Army (enlisted 10 May 1862, Co. I, 39th Ala. Inf.; transferred 2 May 1864, Co. A, 45th Ala. Inf.), was present at all battles and campaigns in which his command took part (including those in Tennessee and the battle of Chickamauga) till his army, under General Joseph E. Johnston, surrendered at Greensboro, N. C. (26 April 1865). He was wounded in the battle of Atlanta (20 July 1864) but was absent from his command only thirty days in three years.

“Part of his army service was in the brigade of Gen’l. M. P. Lowry who was a Baptist preacher of marvelous evangelistic power and missionary zeal and his preaching made lasting impressions on the life and character of this young soldier, impressions that proved to be ineradicable. In camp, at Shelby, Tenn., he was converted under the preaching of Captain James P. Nall of Troy, Ala., and later baptized by his father (Eld. C. A. Parker) as a member of the so-called Primitive baptist church. Some years later, with the plain Scriptures as his guidance and a strong will to do the Master’s command, he bade adieu to the anti-missionaries, united with the regular Baptists and was soon after ordained a minister (8 Nov. 1885 at Glade Springs, Texas), and his labor as such has continued ever since.

“The disastrous results of the war fell upon his family, as on all others, and while his parents still offered him the full course

for a degree at Washington and Lee University under the presidency of General Robert E. Lee, he declined to go, fearing it would prove too great a drain on his father's depleted finances. Attending school after the war, he became well equipped as a teacher and taught much in the public schools, thus advancing and intensifying his pre-war training.

"He won the hand and heart of Augusta Virginia Pruett of Midway, Ala. (born in Georgia), 'a girl of the sixties', who walked loyally — aye royally — by his side for more than fifty years (married 7 Feb. 1866). He testifies that she was heroic in life and triumphant in death, a marvelous gift of God to him and their children.

"In January 1868 the family moved to Texas and he (D. H. Parker) was there occupied as teacher, farmer and preacher for twenty-two years. While there he was identified with every good work of social, moral and intellectual uplift. He was held in much regard by the Baptists especially, as he served a number of their churches as pastor.

"In June 1891, without his solicitation, he was elected president of South Georgia Agricultural College (junior college) at Thomasville, Ga. (He taught Mathematics, Latin and Greek). There he did the most arduous work of his life. The pastorate at Thomasville (First Baptist) became vacant, to it he was called and accepted—with the vow that so long as preaching would support his family he would never teach again. He declares that from that time to date his living has been more abundant and his labors much easier, and he urges the young preachers to 'launch into the deep' of God's promises. Trust not the arm of flesh.

"While pastor at Thomasville he built the beautiful brick church on Broad Street, now the home of the grand First Baptist Church (a new building was erected at same location in the 1930s).

"From Thomasville he went to become pastor of the Baptist churches at Bainbridge and Cairo. During this pastorate he found time to organize and constitute the first Baptist church ever in Quincy, Fla., and another first such church in Colquitt, Ga., and he helped to establish churches in Grand Ridge, Fla., and in Iron City, Ga.

"After three years at Bainbridge, the said Daniel Hall Parker was commissioned a Chaplain (with rank of Captain) in the U. S. Army and was assigned to Ray's regiment, 3rd U. S. Volunteers,

and attended them throughout the Spanish-American War. In addition to his duties as Chaplain, and as Post Master, at Guantanamo, Cuba, he found time to do some mission work among the Cubans and, with the aid of one A. J. O'Halloran of Santiago, he constituted a church of seventy members — all newly baptized converts — in Guantanamo. In the division of Cuba as a mission field the Northern Baptists (U. S. A.) took over this church (at Guantanamo), which remains to this day a living monument to this brother's missionary zeal.

“Returning from army service, he immediately offered his services without pay to Dr. S. Y. Jameson for evangelistic work in southwest Georgia till called as pastor at Boston, Ga., where he served 10 years. He preached to numerous other churches also.

“The building of the Ga. Northern and A. B. & A. railroads through this section offered a wide field of mission work to our State Board and to the Mercer Association. In this situation, as pastor at Boston, Ga., he had something to do in establishing churches at Pavo, Barwick, Coolidge, Merrillville, Schley and other places. He has now (in 1921) been pastor at Meigs, Ga., seven years.

“He has been a practical surveyor for fifty years, simply charmed by the mathematics of it. (At various times he was County Surveyor of Titus County, Texas, and of Colquitt and Thomas counties in Georgia). He is active in body and mind, fully abreast of the age in which he lives, strong in faith, bouyant in hope, with marvelous experiences of the past and joy in world outlook. He is satisfied to have lived in the world's greatest times, more especially to have been ever so humble a factor therein.

“He has always been a student of all that came to his eyes and ears. The Bible is the only Book and it is the word of God. Authors of all classes, volumes, magazines and papers are his constant delight. In trying to shape safely his ministerial life he has kept close watch on the ministry of such preachers as George C. Lorimer, Phillips Brooks, W. D. Ellis, F. H. Kerfoot, M. D. Wharton, John A. Broadus, B. H. Carroll, J. B. Gambrell et omne genus (and all such). Although never in the Seminary directly, yet influenced by such a galaxy of worthies, his ministerial character has been built upon their model so far as he was able.

“A trait natural to him is to ‘prefer others better than self’. He has never sought a pastorate, never coveted another's job. His loyal

liberal and enthusiastic support of the organized Baptist work has been unflinching. He is a friend of the poor, has the esteem of the rich and, above all, the loving trust of his brethren.

“Now seventy-six, he says he must grow old by and by and, God helping him, when the time comes, he intends to do so gracefully if not beautifully.”

(signed) D. H. Parker.

The Battle of Chickamauga

A Reminiscence

by Daniel Hall Parker

(Pvt. Co. I, 39th Ala. Inf., C. S. A.)

I journey here alone with musings sad
To ramble once again on sacred field
Where three and forty years ago was laid
That conflict sore by men with hearts of steel.

This storied steam rolls on with graceful curve,
Unconscious that a pilgrim comes to see
If he may now some wonted scene observe
And lift his heart to God, on bended knee,

In gratitude profound and humbly too,
That he among the many thousands here
Was spread, in matchless mercy, decades through,
To sing a tribute sweet to valor rare,

Of men with spirits brave, in consciousness
That at the call of duty each was found
Prepared, at freedom's call, to bear the breast
And pour his heart's libation on the ground.

(*Afternoon, Sept. 18, 1863*)

The awful test of strength of nerve and arm
Betwixt the martial lines at last has come,
And on they rush to place in line, with charm
Of honor, pride and sacred love of home.

Fate's stern decree impelled here, it seems;
 They asked not of the Fates a what or why,
 But came their country's honor to redeem
 By sacrifice of noble blood, and die.

As on the pass of old Thermopylae,
 Greek with Greek had matched his iron hand,
 The Saxon sons of toil, one blue, one gray,
 Give stroke for God and home and native land.

(*Morning, Sept. 19, 1863*)

The bugle sounds th' accustomed reveille,
 The two long lines a hasty meal apply,
 And, now for vantage ground on Saturday,
 The reinforcements rush to either side.

The dogs of war are now aloose and fierce.
 Pat Cleburne, always watchful on the flank,
 In shrewdest aim the center line to pierce
 Strikes Thomas' Corps, well fortified in rank.

Grim Cheatham hears Pat's signal guns afar;
 He calls, "Attention! Forward, all ye brave.
 In spite of death, this day with all your power
 To certain victory or a soldier's grave".

The woods resound with savage yells of men;
 Like thunder peals the booming cannon forth;
 A storm of leaden hail pours thru the glen,
 And every movement made is answered by the North.

A thousand shrieking shells are flying fast,
 And burst they forth their cruel loads of death;
 Cyclonic fury rages with the blast
 And hell, itself, methinks would lose its breath.

The contest grows intense and bloody too,
 The awe-inspiring scene is much admired
 Amid the constant din, but well we knew
 The pangs and groans of wounded men retired.

We chance to turn our gaze toward Ringgold gap;
 A cloud of dust ascends above the woods,
 In token that reserves are near, perhaps
 To spill on Georgia's soil their precious blood.

A splendid line appears in sight, at last;
 A chief with waving plume and splendid beast;
 "Who's that?", we ask a horseman riding fast.
 " 'Tis Longstreet's Corps, just landed from the East".

Already they have sniffed the smoky air;
 Familiar sounds salute eager eardrums;
 With steady tramp they wheel in line, prepared
 To push the work so gallantly begun.

Hardee with Cheatham, Cleburne, one and all,
 Most hotly press the solid blue in front,
 While Longstreet rushes forward to appall
 The stubborn, dogged foe as he was wont.

More troops have crossed the creek at Gordon's mill;
 There's Anderson, grand horseman of the day,
 With Georgia's Walker, they climb the hills,
 Waved on by Bishop Polk to join the fray.

The ceaseless roar in front, without mistake,
 But tells too plainly of destruction wrought,
 In gory slaughter, here for country's sake,
 By friend and foe this frightful battle fought.

Like awful pealing thunder out the sky,
 Attended by th' blinding lighting's lurid flash;
 Or like some monstrous quake, puts earth awry,
 Piles men and beast in ghastly, common crash.

This dreadful strife goes on, of men so bold,
 The sun grows weary lighting up the scene,
 Too cruel and relentless to behold,
 He hastes to hide behind the mountain green.

(The sun sets)

Dame earth has shocked and quaked with painful throe
 At such destruction of her favored sons,
 With bursting heart, as mothers only know,
 She draws a sable veil across her face.

(Dark comes on)

A fruitless sacrifice to try again,
 Such darkness gathers now, no stellar ray;
 By one consent, in rest, each side remains
 Upon its ground. The tempest dies away.

(Battle closes for the day)

They gladly build once more the warm camp fires,
 In solemn reminiscence each recalls
 His fallen faithful comrade, and admires
 That in the thickest fight he saw him fall.

Their admiration finds no sort of bound;
 But recollections of their manly forms
 As prone they lie upon the bloody ground,
 Cut down amid the fury of the storm.

In pensive mood these stalwart soldiers muse:
 "Five thousand men have met their early graves,
 "How awful sad at home will be the news
 "When loved ones hear about their fallen braves."

Conjecture runs throughout each eager mind
 Inquiring what shall be the coming morn.
 With gladness some would soul to God resign
 And be, for aye, exempt from clanging arms.

Some yearn in hearts for parents, knowing well
 The anguish that is racking them at home,
 As wires shall click the message, oh sad tale!
 Of missing, wounded, dead, a sum.

Some plead in agony of soul to God
 To spare them for their fair young wives away;
 And some for children, boys and girls,
 For friendless urchins on the trundle bed.

Night thoughts across the intervening space
 Of hills and vales so many hundred miles,
 Fly quickly home to see a lovely face
 Or take and leave one other gracious smile.

Alas! the bugle's stirring cruel note
 Calls loud amid the oaken forest wild;
 To duty, rise they up in rifle mote,
 But disappointed cry: "Oh, God, my child."

Oh! cruel Fates that brought them here amidst
 Such rank and vain delusion, charmed amiss,
 These hapless, trustful ones from home to rid
 And slaughter thousands in a war like this.

The true, the brave, the best, the flow'r of youth
 Of every Southern state, for slaughter doomed,
 Are sacrificed by legions (simple truth),
 Their mangled bodies destitute of tomb.

Ambitious Fates in men who'd die or rule
 Are in the saddle now and riding high,
 Would drown the planet in his own great pool,
 Or blast the solar system out the sky

To gratify their lust of greed and power
 While men and women, too, are left to tears
 And grief, asunder torn from lovely bow'rs
 To pine away throughout the bitter years.

While thus we ponder that which might have been,
 Throughtout the quiet, long, Autumnal night,
 Nervous men reposing sweetly as they seem,
 Deep darkness gives away to shocking light.

(Sunday morning, Sept. 20, 1863)

How sweet would sound the deep-toned bell
 If honor, duty, country, them allowed
 To gather with their loved, so full to swell
 Glad anthems to their Savior, bodies bowed.

But sterner duties, as it seems, demand
 That mercy kind would spurn
 From men so nobly born, so nobly trained,
 Could mercy ever have her gracious turn.

The morning hours are full of anxious dread
 As omens of a coming storm appear,
 No time to kindly now entomb the dead
 Nor 'tend our gallant wounded in the rear.

The rush of couriers to and from the right,
 And back again with equal speed to left,
 Will show this bus'ness asks their utmost might,
 No matter who shall fall or who's bereft.

As angry cloud caps rise from out the sky
 And march like giants forth to blend their weight
 Or muttering thunders swell their deep toned cry
 Unite in deluge at the beck of Fate;

Or mad Aurora from his frigid bound
 Breaks forth in skywide, glaring blaze of fire,
 Would pour his fury all the world around,
 Without a purpose, save to vent his ire,

So rumbling wheels and passing columns tell
 About a sterner clash by many more,
 And each may serve to do his duty well
 However sanguine proves the scene of gore.

'Tis ten o'clock; so far, thank God, no hurt.
 But hark! that cannon's boom away to right,
 Warning that on flank, the faithful sentries pert,
 See Thomas holding fast, with conscious might,

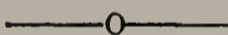
The crest of Snodgrass hill along its length,
 Defying still in haughty, stubborn mood
 An onslaught of the greatest strength,
 So confidently trusting his troops, he stood.

Note by Rev. D. H. Parker's grandson. So far as we know, the above poem was never finished. It stops at 10 o'clock the morning of Sept. 20, 1863, while the Union forces (except those under Gen. George Henry Thomas) were in wild retreat toward Chattanooga. Except for the stubborn stand of Thomas (earning him the name of "The Rock of Chickamauga"), the battle would have been a Waterloo for the Union army. But Thomas held his troops in orderly retreat, joining the defeated right and center wings of Rosencrans' forces at Chattanooga late in the afternoon of the third and final day of the battle. Though the Southern casualties were greater, the Confederates were victorious on all three days of the battle. The combined casualties of both sides were in excess of 30,000 killed and wounded.

The foregoing 45 verses (copied from the author's manuscript in his own hand) were written by Daniel Hall Parker during and immediately after his visit to Chattanooga and the battlefields of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, in May of 1906, nearly 43 years after he, then a lad of 18, had been a participant in that dreadful carnage. This poem reveals something of his vivid and terrible memories of that youthful experience.

We have a penciled letter dated at Boston, Ga., May 24, 1906, from D. H. Parker to the family of his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Roddenbery, wherein he said he had just been home from Chattanooga a week, and he then wrote: "At my leisure I am writing in verses about the battle of Chickamauga — a reminiscence. When I have finished it will submit to some one of capable literary taste and if find it worthy, will have it published. So far I have made rather the frame. Some infilling and amplification is needed. On back of these leaves I give you a sample. Am now at close of conflict, Sept. 19, '63." The first 23 verses were written in pencil on the back of pages of that letter. With some polishing and the "infilling and amplification" he mentioned this might have been a great poem. As it is, it reveals something of the scholarly attainments, keen powers of observation, remarkable memory and deep emotions of the author.

R. S. R. Jr.



Rev. D. H. Parker Reviews His Boyhood in Barbour County
(From *Eufaula* (Ala.) *Tribune* in 1900)

"I'm gwine back to Dixie
I'm gwine back to Dixie
I'm gwine where de orange
blossoms grow.

I hear de chilluns calling,
I feel de sad tears falling,
My heart turns back to Dixie
and I must go."

I'm thinking about the schools in Barbour County, Alabama, in the decade from 1850 to '60. The girls' college at Eufaula stood first by universal acclaim. The faculties of those schools were men of genuine ability. People looked upon them as men of culture and power.

Glennville, Clayton, Midway, Louisville, Perote, Lawrenceville; and Chunnenugee Ridge in Macon County under professors Featherstone, Threadgill and Rutherford, were among the many rural schools that classed high and competed for patronage and laurels. Numbers of the boys obtained board in farm homes and attended those country schools.

Oak Grove Academy under Dugald Patterson was no doubt the best rural school in the history of the county. And what a gala occasion when annually the public examinations were held, when the boys had to "shell it out" on the blackboard or stand there and look like the flustered boy at a frolic. Hear the roll call of the senior class in Latin and Greek: George Barksdale, Lewis Spence, George Lewis, Sam Feagin, John Owens, John T. Hall, Frank Hall, John R. Hall, Matt Hall, Wm. Faulk, Richard Faulk, James Faulk, Cader A. Parker, Jr., D. Hall Parker (the writer), Jase Guice, Hector McLane, Lycurgus Fenn, Mose Johnson, George Holland, Al Holland. The towns of Clayton, Midway, Mt. Andrew and Perote were represented in that class.

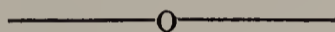
The men, farmers of that day, lived and subsisted on their farms, the substantial element of the county was largely rural. They were ambitious withal. They prided not only their community schools, but their churches as well. What a tragedy that such rural society should so far vanish as that there remains only a memory of it and that, too, to so very few. Alas! the glory of it is departed.

Surely no section can boast of nobler ancestry. Nor are its benefactions lost, thank God. The benefits of that golden age have carried to the cities, towns, and other rural sections of a number of other states, so, after all, it must be said of that citizenship, of that social order: "Their works do follow them." Whatever effects attended the post bellum period, none shall truly cry "Love's Labor Lost." Barbour County is a better county than ever, as people are better as a people than their fathers, because they are more self reliant and sober, because they have attained to a school system that applies more universally. It is no flattery to say this of our people. To say less would be to dishonor your fathers, to belittle their pride, their vision, their faith, their hopes for the generation that has followed. "Other men have labored and ye have entered into their labors." Not merely into so great benefits, but into its hardships, successes in sacrifice, manhood, patriotism, religious altruism, aye, into all that can make a generation great and good, worthy in which to have lived.

Some years ago, passing through various churchyards and cemeteries, I read the epitaphs on marble marking the little red mounds where sleep peacefully men and women of that more than Augustan, and more than Golden age. As names suggested personality, character, I bowed with uncovered head and really felt the impulse to kneel and kiss the earth, the mother of us all, who, faithful to the mother instinct, holds in her fond embrace the dust of her dead. I recalled one poet as saying, "Each in his narrow cell forever laid, The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep", and of another: "In their polished white mansions of stone, Maggie, has each one found a place of rest."

All rich in honor, rich in rest because of toil, rich in the posterity that they trusted would transmit to another generation the blessings of that social, industrial and economic order which they had so largely and so richly established.

D. H. Parker.



From *The Moultrie* (Ga.) *Observer*, Oct. 22, 1945.

Mrs. Lucy Parker Roddenbery, wife of R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., died at her home on South Main Street early Sunday night (Oct. 21, 1945) following an illness of several weeks.

For a number of days her condition had been critical, but even then her friends, who had been closely associated with her in church work and in the activities of the D. A. R., the U. D. C., and American Legion Auxiliary, had hoped that she would recover and be spared for many years of usefulness in the city where she had so long made her home.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the First Baptist Church, with Dr. R. C. Gresham, pastor in charge.

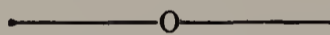
Mrs. Roddenbery was the only daughter of the late Rev. D. H. Parker, who for many years was one of the leading ministers in the Georgia Baptist Convention. She was born in Mt Vernon, Texas, July 23, 1878, but the family came to Georgia a few years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Roddenbery moved to Moultrie in 1910 and with the exception of two years, 1925 and 1926, during which they lived in Fla., had made their home here. *Capable, energetic, outspoken and*

aggressive in promotion of the causes she espoused, Mrs. Roddenbery was soon recognized as *one of the leaders of the women's affairs of the community*.

She was a member of the Baptist church from early childhood and after she and her husband came to Moultrie transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Moultrie and was an active and effective worker as long as her health permitted. She served as president of the Colquitt County Baptist Woman's Missionary Union for 11 years and had been chairman of the church group. She had also been regent of the John Benning Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a former president of the Moultrie McNeill Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and former president of the Moultrie unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

With her husband she had contributed much to the good of Moultrie. The sympathy that goes out to him in her passing is mingled with gratitude for so long a companionship and for a life which has meant so much to lonely and forgotten people, despite the fact she never neglected her home and was busy in other affairs.



Hall Roddenbery Claimed By Death
(From *The Moultrie (Ga.) Observer*, June 13, 1951)

Seaborn Hall Roddenbery, 49, died early this morning in the Veterans Hospital at New Orleans after a lingering illness of more than a year.

The youngest son of R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., of Moultrie and the late Mrs. Lucy Parker Roddenbery, he was born in Jackson County, Fla., June 2, 1902. In 1910 he moved with his parents from Cairo, Ga., to Moultrie.

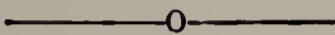
He attended public schools of Moultrie and graduated from Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Ga. He played football and other athletic sports on varsity teams of both Moultrie High School and Riverside Military Academy. He was married to Miss Vera Jordan of Ellaville, Ga., formerly a teacher in the public schools of Colquitt County.

A sergeant in the amphibious engineers during World War, II, he saw combat service in the Pacific war theater in New Guinea and in Solomon and Marshall Islands, and landed in the first as-

sault wave which retook Layte and the Philippine Islands. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Roddenbery is survived by his wife, one son, Hall Roddenbery, Jr., a daughter, Miss Ann Virginia Roddenbery, and a granddaughter, Joy Roddenbery, all residents of Macon, Ga., and by his father, R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., and brother, R. S. Roddenbery, Jr., of Moultrie.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of Henderson Funeral Home at four o'clock Friday afternoon, followed by interment in Westview cemetery in Moultrie.



Example In Citizenship

(From *The Longview (Texas) Daily News*)

In the life of *Charles A. Shelby* the people of Longview have seen once again a marvelous demonstration of the fact that a man can be a Christian, a gentleman, and a friendly and likable person—all at the same time. His death on Sunday (July 22, 1958) was a great loss to society.

Charles Shelby was a good man, in the broadest sense of the term. Those who knew him best witnessed of him that he spoke no evil and thought no evil. Although he recognized that evil is all too prevalent and was concerned about it, he refused to become morose or pessimistic about it.

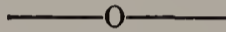
He was a man whom the community in general recognized as a Christian and fully respected him for it. He served diligently as a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church. He was an indefatigable visitor on behalf of the church and continually ministering to those in sickness and sorrow.

He was a man of culture, a scholar of past and current literature, a man understanding and appreciative of art and music. He was a student of the Bible and well read in Biblical history. He was interested in civic matters and in politics as practiced in government.

A lover of people, he spent more time than most men would give in counseling those who came to him for advice and understanding. A practical man with a sense of humor, he made a friendly smile, a clean joke or a wry comment his trade-mark of daily living.

A major heart attack suffered in 1942 would have left a man of lesser courage incapacitated for life, but not Charles Shelby; he fought the good fight of faith and came back to render many years of useful service in the business world, as well as in church and community life.

Although a weakened man, he was always cheerful. He no longer made his chief purpose, as do most men, to succeed. His first purpose now was to live and to enjoy the living, to serve and enjoy the serving, to help others and enjoy the helping. In so doing, Charles Shelby has left as a living heritage an example of good citizenship and Christian living that will endure in inspiration for generations to come. For this, his family, his friends and all who knew him can always be grateful.



LETTERS FROM W. R. PRUETT TO AUGUSTA COLEMAN

(Following letter of 19 July 1850 from Dr. W. R. Pruett was folded and sealed with wax, no envelope, addressed to "Mrs. A. Augusta Pruett", delivered by messenger. It was written while they were estranged and living apart but before she obtained a divorce. Five Points was then 2 miles of the present town of Midway, Ala. Virginia, mentioned in the postscript, then less than 2 years old, was Augusta Virginia Pruett, called "Jennie", who married Daniel Hall Parker in 1866. James Pruett may have been a brother or a cousin of Dr. Pruett.)

"Five Points, July 19th 1850.

"My Dear Augusta —

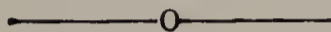
I intended to have left home yesterday morning, but have been unable to travel. I was taken worse the evening I left your Mother's and have been scarcely able to ride since. I am anxious to see you and would have been to see you if I had been able. If you have a chance send for the parrot tonight, as the children at James Pruett's treat it very badly. Be certain to send tonight and send me a few lines in regard to your present feelings towards me. Say, my Dear Augusta, whether you love me or not. You know I love you better than any thing in this world, and to think that I should love you as I do and not be loved again is rather more than I can possibly bear. Say, Augusta, you love me but once, but once again and I am per-

fectly happy. Augusta my dear, think this matter over seriously and be certain to write me tonight or early in the morning.

Your Devoted Husband
W. R. Pruett

PS/ Kiss Virginia for her Pa, and if you wish to see me before I leave write me to that effect and I will call and see you again before I leave. Be certain to send me some word tonight or early in the morning. If you do not I shall think you have lost all the love you had for me, which I am almost disposed to think is the case anyway.

Your Ever Devoted Again
W. R. P.”



(Following is perhaps the last letter written by Dr. Pruett to his former wife, Augusta Coleman, who had divorced him and later married L. P. Allen. It is significant that Dr. Pruett had himself remarried, this time to Martha Langford, and that L. P. Allen had been dead some five and a half years at the time this letter was written. So it was certainly no effort to effect a reconciliation but, rather, a plea for forgiveness of past wrongdoing and prompted by a contrite heart. It is here printed to reveal to his posterity something of the character and qualities of Dr. Pruett. His misgivings about an imminent death appear to have been ill-founded, because he lived nearly 17 years after penning this letter. It is our information that his life and habits were altered about this time and that may have given him a new lease on life. R.S.R. Jr.)

“Midway (Ala.), July 15th 1863.

“Mrs. Augusta Allen.
Dear Madam.

It is with feelings of despair, at the prospects before me, the prospects of a short life, of constant sighs, tears and groans, of sleepless nights and days of anguish while, as decay goes on, Death will stare me in the face. With consciousness that I have a melancholy evidence in my own breast, that I am doomed to run the same short race many of my beloved friends have run before me, I cannot be satisfied without disclosing to you the present state of my mind and the present sentiments of my heart.

My reasons for so doing are — that I may be suddenly snatched out of the world, either by the arm of Omnipotence or by my own hand, for I candidly confess to you, that now when I reflect upon the bright prospects of earlier days and contrast them with those of the present — when I think of the life I have led, and above all that I have been the instrument in signing the death warrant which I this moment feel in my breast, despair comes upon my heart like an icy flood, the world grows dark before me, and I am strongly tempted to steal away to some lonely spot and put an end to the fitful fever of life.

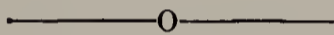
I have no doubt that if you were to see me, you would think from my sad look and silent manner that there is anger in my heart, but Oh! could you look into that heart, you would find no trace of anger or animosity — nothing but despair. It is my desire to take the warning I have had and post my books in this world and prepare for another. I wish to die as a man should die, with fortitude, resignation and decency. I can truly say that I have no particular desire to live in this world for it has long since ceased to give me any pleasure. I do not fear death, it is only the manner of it, the thought of lingering for months in agonizing misery. No, I often wish in my calmest moments that I were in the grave. All that harrows up my soul is that I have signed and sealed my own death warrant. I desire to alter my life in toto, and live and die in peace with all mankind. I can truly say I do not harbor an ill feeling toward any being and it is my desire to do all the good I can for my fellow beings while I live. From my knowledge of diseases I know I shall not live to see many years; therefore it is time for me to think seriously and make my peace with God, and man.

I have written this that you may know my mind and sentiments. If despair does not hurry me to destruction I wish to alter my life in every respect. In other words, I wish to become a better man and die decently. Henceforth I will be at enmity with no human being. My late misfortunes have brought me to my senses. When I am dead I know you will not remember me in anger, and will not think me the worst, though the weakest of men. I am eccentric but my heart is not evil. In my present state of feeling and resolve, I desire to be friendly with you as well as your family. I hope nothing will ever again mar the good feelings between us. It would render me in my present state very unhappy just to think that you would not forget and forgive the past. Strange as it may

seem, I have never felt I could do you an injury. I may have said harsh things in drunken madness but never when in my reason. I have ever felt that you were my nearest friend and, though I have been strange in my ways and manner, I can say in the presence of God that I have never seen the moment when in my reason I could have injured you. For the truth of this, as a dying man, I can call God to witness, before whose bar I shall ere long stand. Think not that I have any ill feeling towards you. In the sincerity of my heart, I hope God may bless you with long life, prosperity and happiness. The day will come when you will think of me with pity and in sorrow, when I shall be slumbering in my grave. In writing this letter I have discharged some of the feelings of my heart, and I do not feel so melancholy. Again, I wish you to consider me friendly though sad, and that I feel no anger towards any human being, much less towards you.

Yours in heartfelt friendship and sadness.

W. R. Pruett."



Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Cornelia A. Norris, Regent & Historian, Caswell-Nash Chapt., DAR, Raleigh, N. C., written to Rev. D. H. Parker in 1917 and 1918.

"The first Kader Parker I know about came to N. C. from Nansemond Co., Va. There are few early records left in Nansemond except Quaker records and an old Parish Register. Early public records here were burned. In early 1700s the Parker and Pope families were Quakers and these records contain much on the two families."

"Records of Cumberland Co., N. C., show a deed in 1800 from Ica Parker to Archibald McNeill" (or McLean, Book 41, p. 323) "conveying land given him" (Ica Parker) "by his grandfather Ica Atkins. The deed was made in 1800 but recorded in 1835."

"In 1770 Ica Atkins, Sr., had lands from John Nall in Cumberland Co. This Ica Atkins, Sr., was son of John & Elizabeth Atkins of Sussex Co., Va. John Atkins came from Sussex to Wake Co., N. C., and his will is recorded in Raleigh."

"I found record of a gift, in 1805, from Josiah Vick of Southampton Co., Va., to his daughter Martha Pope, wife of Stephen Pope of Cumberland Co., N. C. So Southampton Co., Va., will have to give the Josiah Vick record; also parentage of Stephen Pope."

“Ica Atkins married in Sussex Co., Va., unless in Wake Co., N.C. Sussex and Southampton were cut off from Surry Co., Va. Public records are complete in all 3 counties.”

“I think the elder Atkins, John the father of Ica, was a member of the Virginia House of Burgess; if so, it would entitle your daughter to membership in Colonial Dames.”

“In 1773 in Cumberland Co., N. C., Jacob Parker conveyed lands to Kader Parker. In same year John Parker sold land to Kader Parker. This Kader was too old to have been Ica Parker’s brother but was probably a brother of Jacob; also a brother of John Parker of Cumberland Co.”

“Feb. 16, 1805, Kader (Cadah) Parker of Edgecombe Co., N.C., sold lands in Cumberland Co., N. C., to Daniel Greaty. This Kader Parker may have been father of Jacob; and Kader’s will may be recorded in Edgecombe Co.”

(see Parker to Greatly, Book 23, p. 59. This Kader *might* have been bro. of Ica Parker. The land was described as on East side of Cape Fear River on waters of Lock Creek. — R.S.R.Jr.)

(Apr. 24, 1805, Kader Parker of State of Georgia sold Neill McNeill 640 acres between Cape Fear and Upper Little River, near Silver Run, patented Sept. 1800 from State of N.C.; see Book 19, p. 152 & Book 23, p. 44. — R.S.R.Jr.)

“There is mention of the ‘Ica Atkins Ferry’ on Cape Fear River, near old Raven Rock, and just above this beautiful spot was Northington’s Ferry and mill, which my father inherited in later years. My father died last November (1916) at age 85 years.”

“Parkers and Popes were numerous in Edgecombe Co., N. C., where the 1749 will of William Pope is on record, naming sons, Jacob, West, Stephen & William, Jr., and daughters, Rebecca and Julia. This testator came from Isle of Wight Co., Va., and he willed his son Stephen lands in Isle of Wight. I think Stephen Pope of Cumberland Co., N.C., father of Nancy and Lydia, was *grandson* of this William Pope who died in Edgecombe Co. in 1749.”

Note: This is the same will mentioned by Mrs. Mary Neal Anderson of Nevada. See page 27 *supra*, in this book.—R.S.R.Jr.

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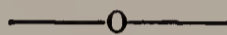
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- p. 48. It is Killeen (not Killen), Texas.
- p. ~~51~~. In 8th line from bottom it should read:
 52. "but McRae was **present** as his representative."
- p. 53. Mrs. Irwin Baggs Parker lives Albany (not Alabany), Ga.
- p. 56. Should be: 2. Cader Atkins Parker, II. (not III).
- p. 66. "Tom Baret" should be Barrett.
- p. 81. Last word in last line, 2nd paragraph, is **Masonry**.
- p. 83. "told his father C. A. Shelby, **Sr.**" should read as
 Cader Atkins Shelby. The son was **Charles** Atkins
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- p. ~~92~~⁹²: It should be Louise Parker (not Paker), and
 Gwendolyn Hallam (not Hallman).
- p. 107. In middle of 3rd line, 2nd paragraph, it should read:
 "I unexpectedly **became** overwhelmed" (see page 37).
- p. 111. Counting upward from bottom of page, delete all of 16th
 line, commencing "went up to see her".
- p. 112. Last line: **bestowing** (not beostowing).



To relatives and advance subscribers:

Sincere apologies for tardy delivery of this book. There were many obstacles. Delays in printing were beyond my power to prevent. The physical appearance is not good enough but it is better than I promised. Undoubtedly, you will find some mistakes or errors but I believe they are few.

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